

Annual Report



Town of Hingham
2018

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Summer blooms at the Senior Center

Area	22.59 Square Miles	
Shore Line	21 Miles	
Population	23,055	
Registered Voters	16,897	
Democrat 4,063; Republican 2,885; Green Rainbow 6, Libertarian 49, Un-enrolled, 10,400; Others 133		
Number of Houses, including Condos	7,473	
Assessed Value		
Real Property	\$6,289,130,546	
Personal Property	\$103,779,490	
Tax Rate	\$11.81	
Schools	6	
Public School Children, K-12	4,169	
Professional Staff	382	
Support Staff	307	
Total FY2019 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$108,426,619	
Total FY2019 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$53,030,659	
State Senator	State Rep.	State Rep.
Norfolk-Plymouth	Third Plymouth Dist.	Fourth Norfolk Dist.
Patrick O'Connor	Precincts 1,3,4,5,5A,6	Precinct 2
State House,	Joan Meschino	James Murphy
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Mary Power, Paul Healey, Karen Johnson

Board of Selectmen

2018 in the Town of Hingham marked a number of developments on several different fronts. It marked a time where hard decisions on spending and the need for increased focus on our infrastructure were necessary. We are fortunate that our volunteers and dedicated employees performed superb work and service to our community, serving our town well.

Financial Overview

Our Triple-A (Aaa) bond rating remains intact, due to the discipline and quality of our management, ongoing funding of our long-term liabilities, and our continuing and strong commitment to maintaining a robust fund balance, which is in conformance with our Town Financial Policy. This has required us to strike an appropriate balance between providing town services, maintaining and improving our assets, and managing residential property taxes. Our successful migration to the GIC health care plan has

helped us and our employees, who equally share in the cost of health care, contain fast growing costs while providing quality coverage. While growth revenues have increased slightly, we recognize the uncertainty of incorporating this into our annual budget needs. We have also developed initiatives in this year's Annual Town Meeting (ATM) to provide tax relief to our seniors who qualify.

Development and Growth

Construction on Avalon II and Brio projects in the Hingham Shipyard continue, along with the 220-unit Alliance project at 230 Beal Street (the former Hingham Mutual Insurance site), in Hingham has achieved its uncontested 10% minimum subsidized housing inventory (SHI) figure with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Thereafter, the ZBA will have discretion to approve, deny or condition any future Chapter 40B submittals. While the town remains committed to providing opportunities for future affordable housing, we do so in a way that such initiatives would be compatible and appropriate to our existing neighborhoods.

After holding numerous public meetings, and receiving input from many stakeholders, the Route 3A Task Force concluded its work and a 25% design submittal has been tendered to Mass DOT for its consideration. As part of this effort, the town worked collaboratively with the towns of Hull and Cohasset to achieve consensus on a design change to Summer Street, calculated to lead to increased safety of motorists and pedestrians without sacrificing the travel time associated with the new layout. Our thanks to the committee, Town staff, and the interested citizens and the officials from Hull and Cohasset who participated in this work.

New Initiatives

In 2017, with the assistance of a financial model created by the Advisory Committee, we began exploring and communicating our ability to fund future large capital projects. We look to continue these conversations. The Board thanks those committees for their commitment to ensuring that large capital projects are advanced thoughtfully and deliberately with an eye towards the impact on the taxpayer. In particular, the needs of the Town Hall, fire service and school department at the Foster Elementary School continue to remain acute. Our thanks to the Hingham Public Library Trustees for their hard work and dedication.

In response to ongoing citizen concerns over a proposed natural-gas compressor station located on the Fore River, 2 miles from Hingham, the

Compressor Station Task Force was formed. Charged with outlining the anticipated public permitting and approval process, and alerting us to opportunities to engage in the permitting process, the Board voted to seek intervenor status in connection with the litigation entered into by the Cities of Weymouth and Quincy opposing this project.

The work on the Snack Shack in the harbor continues as does the ongoing efforts with respect to the resiliency of the sea walls within our town wharves.

The Army Corps of Engineers successfully completed its survey in the Bare Cove Park (formerly the Hingham Ammunition Depot) for unexploded ordinance, ensuring that no danger exists from activities of a by-gone era.

Inspired by a visit to historic districts in Savannah and Charleston, Chairman Paul Healey proposed creating a Town Preservation Award. The award is designed to reinforce the value of preserving Hingham's "irreplaceable historic resources". Preservation is possible "only when a community values the products of its past," said committee member Ben Wilcox. "Our buildings, neighborhoods, streetscapes, and vistas, the people who built and maintained them, and the events that took place in and around them are our history and are part of our community character". Award categories include: archaeology and landscape; education and outreach; neighborhood and streetscape; rehabilitation, including adaptive reuse; restoration, both interior and exterior; new projects. For guidelines and Checklist, and Nomination Form, visit the Document Center located on the Town website. A special thanks to Andrea Young for her hard work in this regard.

Ongoing initiatives

Work continued on assessing our facility needs and understanding the financial implications. Our accelerated road-building program repaired and/or repaved nearly 7 miles of Hingham streets. Since beginning this program in 2009, 55 miles, or 50% of Hingham roads, have been improved.

Hingham's litigation effort to determine the price of the water company has now materialized when Judge Christine Roach issued a ruling establishing the purchase price of the water company, now owned by the mega-corporation Eversource. The appeal process has confirmed the price and the Board has worked hard to present the argument that purchase of this most valuable resource is in the best interests of the town, both now and in the future. This effort has involved multiple public

meetings and forums where the public has been presented with contemplated models of governance, operation and the significant financial savings that the town would enjoy if it elects to purchase. This is a decision, of epic proportions, that will be felt for generations to come.

Leadership

Our town department heads continue to serve with great professionalism. Town Administrator Thomas Mayo and Assistant Town Administrator Michelle Monsegur have rendered superb service to the Town. Our police and fire services have continued to evolve with an eye to addressing today's needs with an eye on tomorrow.

Finally, we thank the hundreds of citizen volunteers who generously give of their time and talents to work on behalf of the Town. This year alone, the Board appointed over 50 citizens to different committees and boards. Our citizen's willingness to contribute their time and talents to our community are very much appreciated. They are integral to making Hingham a great place to live.

Paul K. Healey, Chair
Mary M. Power
Karen A. Johnson

Town Administrator

I am pleased to submit my annual report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham.

2018 was a busy but rewarding year. We have worked on many multifaceted projects above and beyond the annual efforts with the Town budget, Town Meeting preparation, and providing daily services. I am always in awe of the incomparable volunteer service offered by residents in Hingham, but this past year has underscored that admiration. This volunteerism is a product of patriotism and a sense of responsibility for the well-being of the Town. I can tell you that it is this dedication to local government that allows the Town of Hingham to prosper. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have spent their own time and treasure in supporting their community. Hingham is better because of all of you.

The Town's financial position continues to improve. The Town has reaffirmed its Aaa bond rating. Fund Balance reserves continue to surpass our financial objectives. Local receipts continue to improve with a strong regional and national economy and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continues to support local programs through increases in State Aid.

Other projects of interest in 2018 include preparation for the potential acquisition of the water company. The Town will vote at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2019 on the question of acquisition. This issue has been on the forefront of the Town's collective minds for many years. Should the Town decide to purchase the water company, rest assured that your local government is positioned for successful ownership and operation.

The Town also continues to work with the Towns of Hull and Cohasset as well as the State Department of Transportation on the potential redesign of portions of route 3A. This project is the product of many public meetings across the region. If built, it will improve the safety on that roadway for thousands of motorists and pedestrians.

Other projects in 2018 include continued work with the Hingham Maritime Center on plans for their facility at Barnes Wharf. The Town was also awarded a new designation by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources as a "Green Community." This designation will allow the Town to realize hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy efficiency projects aimed at lowering Hingham's municipal energy consumption.

Facilitation of the Selectmen's agenda continues to be the main focus for our department. Beyond the daily activities of meeting agendas,

addressing citizen concerns, personnel management, and budget and Town Meeting Warrant preparation, this includes implementing policies identified in the Selectmen's Annual Goals and Objectives. This year, the Selectmen identified many areas of focus, including the continued monitoring of financial metrics, harbor related concerns, opportunities to help those in need, assessing assets and large capital needs, pursuing new grant opportunities, promoting environmental sustainability, utilizing the Town's website and social media for communications, and monitoring and supporting Weymouth's defense regarding the proposed compressor station at the Fore River.

As I continue in my role as your Town Administrator, I do not do so alone. I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support; specifically this year I would like to thank Paul Healey. Selectman Healey has provided over three decades of public service to the Town in varying capacities, the last six years as a Selectman, culminating in this final year. The job of Selectman is a difficult one. It requires being available day and night seven days a week, a willingness to take on the concerns of others as your own, and many sleepless nights. It has also required, in the case of Selectman Healey, the conveying of the culture and history of Hingham. His love for this community is infectious and I am forever in his debt for his faith in me as a leader and for his tutelage in all things Hingham.

I would also like to thank the department heads and all Town employees and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Hingham. Specifically, I would like to thank our dedicated and highly professional staff in the Selectmen's office consisting of Sharon Perfetti, Sally Sinclair, and David Basler for their ongoing commitment to the success of the entire Town team. I would also, once again, like to thank Betty Foley. In the wake of Ted Alexiades' retirement, Betty once again postponed her own retirement and agreed to come back on a part-time basis to help us through the interim months until a decision was made regarding the Town Administrator position and a new Assistant Town Administrator could be hired. This lasted through the summer of 2018, at which point we hired our new Assistant Town Administrator, Michelle Monsegur. Michelle has proven to be a dedicated public servant who has fit in almost immediately. We have a great team in the Selectmen's office and I look forward to another successful year in 2019.

Tom Mayo
Town Administrator

2018 Elected Town Officers

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Michael J. Puzo	2019
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)	
Mary M. Power	2021
Karen A. Johnson	2020
Paul K. Healey	2019
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Eileen A. McCracken	2021
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Charlton A. Chambers	2021
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2020
Christine M. Roberts	2019
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Peter B. Bickford	2021
Elizabeth Eldredge	2020
Kirk J. Shilts	2019
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2021
John Ryan	2020
Roger M. Freeman	2019
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
James Watson	2023
Greg O'Meara (Selectmen Appointment)	2022
Irma Lauter (Appointed by State)	2021
Megan M. Buhr	2020
Robert D. Keyes	2019
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)	
Elizabeth Emerson Lewiecki	2021
Kerry J. Ni	2021
Michelle Ayer	2020
Edward J. Schreier	2020

Elizabeth O'Reilly	2019
Carlos A. F. Da Silva	2019
Kay L. Praschma	2019

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Judith Sneath	2023
Gordon M. Carr	2022
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2021
William C. Ramsey	2020
Jennifer Gay Smith	2019

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Robert M. Higgins	2021
Stephen Harold	2020
Kirk J. Shilts	2019

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Vicki Donlan	2023
Nandita S. Scott	2022
Bruce Thompson	2021
Adrienne S. Ramsey	2020
Sarah J. Melia	2019

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF
THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Laurel H. Cosman	2021
Karen Sadlon	2020
Pauline Munroe	2019

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH
(Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Edward Johnson
Alan Perrault
Christopher Daly

2018 Appointees

Term Expires

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)

Susan Nickerson

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)

Victor Baltera	2021
Nancy MacDonald	2021
Eric Haskell	2021
Ed Gaydos	2021
Davalene Cooper	2021
Tom Belyea	2020
Andrew McElaney	2020
Elizabeth Claypoole	2020
George Danis	2020
Evan Sheehan	2020
David Anderson	2019
Julie Strehle	2019
Eryn Kelley	2019
Donna Smallwood	2019
Robert Curley	2019

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 21 ATM 2007) 2 Year Term

Kathleen Amonte	2021
Gregory Waxman	2021
Anita Comerford	2021
Nancy Kerber	2021
Brittan duBose	2021
Al Chambers	2021
Timothy White	2019
Michael McDonald	2019
Elizabeth von Pier	2019
Karen Johnson (Selectmen's Rep)	

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Joseph M. Fisher, Chair	2019
Robyn Maguire	2019

Associate Members (one year term)

Mario Romania, Jr.	2019
Michael Mercurio	2019
Joseph Freeman	2019

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
(ART 26, ATM 2010)**

Mike Dwyer (Selectmen Appt.)	2021
Joshua Marine (Moderator Appt.)	2020
Leonette Scappini (Moderator Appt.)	2020
Doug Farrington (Selectmen Appt.)	2019
Rob Shickel (Moderator Appt.)	2019
Thomas Mayo, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Edward Matthews, Chairman	2021
Rikard Johnson	2020
Claudia Eaton	2020
Francis Rocket	2020
Leah Godfrey	2019
DeWitt DeLawter	2019

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
(Appt. By Selectmen, 6/15/04)**

Susan Kiley	2021
Jennifer Sullivan	2020
Suzanne M. Harnden	2020
Carolyn Aliski	2020
Diane Morrison	2020
Patricia Bray	2019
Margaret Coleman	2019
Laura Spaziani, Chairman	2019
Patricia Collins	2019

BOARD OF HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Eldredge, MD

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK
ADVISORY COUNCIL****(Appt. By Selectmen)**

William Reardon
Chris Daly

BUILDING DEPARTMENT**(Appt. by Town Administrator under MA State Bldg. Code
780 CMR 5105.1 (for ensuing year))**

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner
Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector
John Hallin, Local Building Inspector
Richard Wakem, Local Building Inspector
William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires
Donald Drew, Ass't. Inspector of Wires
David Bennett, Ass't. Inspector of Wires
Brian McPherson, Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Jay Yetman, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Jeff Cutler	2021
Eric Osterberg	2021
John Rice	2020
Eric Connerly	2019
David Jones, Chairman	2019
Christopher Baron	2019
Kathryn Roberts (School Rep)	

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Matthew Goulet	2021
Eric Valentine	2020
Michael Donovan	2019

Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman

Eric Haskell

Elizabeth Claypoole

Ex-Officio

Treasurer (Non-voting member)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**(ART38 ATM 2001)**

Carol Pyles (Moderator Appt.)	2021
William Harrington	2020
Daniel White (Moderator Appt.)	2020
Jennifer Gay Smith (Planning Board Rep.)	2020
Kevin Burke (Historical Comm. Rep)	2019
Larry Lindner (Selectmen Appt.)	2019
Robert Mosher (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2019
James R. Watson (Housing Authority Rep.)	2019
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2019

**COMPRESSOR STATION TASK FORCE
(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Turner Bledsoe
Kristin Casey
Mary Farrington
Richard Norman
Joshua Ross

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(MGL, C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

Francis Gaul	2020
Henry Hidell	2020
Robert Mosher	2020
Jacqueline Zane	2019
Paul Hall	2019
John Mooney	2018
Laurie Freeman	2018

**CONSTABLE
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Kathleen Peloquin	2020
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**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD
(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Robert Mansfield	2022
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2021
Charlie Cristello (Retirement Board Appt.)	2021
Eileen McCracken (Appointed by Selectmen)	2021
Ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)	

**COUNCIL ON AGING
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Eleanor Letterie	2021
Linda Hurley	2021
Dawn Sibor	2021
Debra Sullivan	2020
Linda Powers	2020
Chrissy Roberts	2020
Gail Faring	2020
Debra Hoffman	2020
Peter Nevins	2019
Kristin Arute	2019
David Alschuler	2019

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)**

John J. Bailey	2021
Christine Smith	2021
William Friend	2020
Roderick C. Gaskell	2020
Susan Sullivan	2020

COURT PROSECUTORS HINGHAM DISTRICT COURT

Hanover Police Dept. - Sgt. Daniel Salvucci, Sgt. Timothy Kane
Hull Police Dept. - Officer Michael J. Flaherty
Norwell Police Dept. - Sgt. Urpo Nurmenniemi, Officer William Pasteris
Rockland Police Dept. - Officer Sean Brundige, Officer Jeff DiRenzo
Scituate Police Dept. - Det. Owen Kirkbride, Sgt. James Bulman,
Sgt. James Gilmarti

CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)

Leah Godfrey	2021
Janine Bradley Suchecki, Chair	2020
Patti Coyle	2020
Patricia Byrnes	2020
Jane Shute	2019

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)

Michael Kranzley	2022
Nancy Wiley	2021
Brian Stack	2021
Michael Fisher	2020
Kevin O'Brien	2020
Brett Rosenquest	2020

**DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON
(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989, ART. 50)**

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUN

(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60S3C)

Dorothy Galo
Jennifer Henrikson
Patricia Tomecek

**ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE
(ART 41 ATM 2008)**

Scott Cyr, Selectmen Appt.	2019
Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt., Chair	2019
Ben Kerman, M.D., Selectmen Appt.	2019
Kenneth Brown, Moderator Appt.	2019
Beth C. Porter, Moderator Appt.	2021
Mikhail Kacherovich, Moderator Appt.	2020
Paul Heanue, Lighting Plant Mgr.	

Ex-officio

Town Accountant
School Business Manager

FIRE CHIEF

Stephen Murphy

FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Selectmen)

Greg MacCune	2021
Al Kearney	2021
Kevin Ellis	2021

(Appt. by Moderator)

Mark Wilkin	2021
Karen Griswold	2021
Thomas Carey	2021

FOSTER SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

ART 19 ATM 2017

(Appt. by Selectmen)

Linda Hill	2020
Jennifer Murphy	2020

(Appt. by Moderator)

Raymond Estes	2020
Kevin Lynch	2020

(Appt. by School Committee)

Edward Schrier	2020
Timothy O'Neill	2020
Chris Mercer	2020

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)

Jason Caine	Cassie McDermott
Mary Ellen Lahiff	Jim Murphy (Chair)
Monica Conyngham	Carrie Murphy

Mark Everett
John Dean
John Monz
George Ford
Lynn Rayburn
Tom Hoffman
Jeff Lally
William Fortune

Dewitt DeLawter
Louis O'Dea
Glenn Olsson
Gabby Roegner
Dan Lahiff
Lynn Barclay
Maura Richards

GAR HALL TRUSTEES

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)

Robert Beal, Jr.	2020
Scott McMillan	2019
Frank Sheelen	2019

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)

Katie Doran Cutler	2021
Deirdre Anderson	2021
Thomas Coveney	2020
Bruce MacAloney	2020
William S. Reardon, Chair	2019
Eric Kachel	2019

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

Kenneth R. Corson, III

Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)

Joseph P. Driscoll	Raymond Abreu
Michael McCue	Max Goldstein
Michael Riley	Matthew Chakalis
Danny Souza	Philip Holler
Daniel Goldstein	Patrick C. Jackson
Connor Kennedy	Kevin Nguyen
Jake Handrahan	Robert Sullivan

2015 HARBOR TASK FORCE

(Appt. by Selectmen, 2/26/15)

Alan Perrault (Rep- Trustees of Bathing Beach)
Kevin Ellis (Rep-Dev. & Industrial Comm.)
Deirdre Anderson (Citizen at Large)
Richard Cook (Citizen at Large)

HISTORIAN, TOWN**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 ATM 1943)**

Alexander Macmillan

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM 1967)**

Michael Collard	2021
Veronica Madden	2020
Hans von der Luft (Resident in HD), Chairman	2019
Virginia Tay (Planning Board Designee)	2019

Alternate Members

Tomas Kindler, (Resident in HD)	2020
Justin Aborn	2020
Ben Burnham, At-large	2021

HISTORICAL COMMISSION**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)**

Stephen Dempsey	2020
Elizabeth Dings	2020
Sarah Carolan	2019
Kevin Burke	2019
Signe McCullough	2021
James Conroy	2021

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.
Edward D. Boylan
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.
Edna English
Arthur Garrity
David Mehegan, Chairman
JoAnn Mitchell
Edward Siegfried
Tina Sherwood
David Spatola
Appt. By Selectmen
Lucy Hancock
Elizabeth A. Eldredge
Jeremy Parker

2021
2020
2019

Appt. By Moderator

Lisa Tuite	2021
Michael Barclay	2019

Ex-officio

Rep. of Board of Selectmen
Treasurer/Collector
Superintendent of Schools

**LINCOLN APARTMENTS, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS
(ART 1 STM 2008)**

Dave Ellison (Selectmen Appt.)	2021
Greg Doble (Selectmen Appt.)	2020
Amy Farrell (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2020
Janet McNulty (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2020
Gretchen Condon (Moderator Appt.)	2019

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (L.E.P.C.)
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Steve Murphy, Fire Chief, Director of Emergency Management
Lou Lachance, Deputy Director of Emergency Management
Bill Powers, Fire Department - Operations
Jim Sheard, First Department – Emergency Medical Services
Glenn Olsson, Police Chief - Law Enforcement
David Jones, Deputy Police Chief – Law Enforcement
Paul Healey, Selectmen – Local Official
Mary Power, Selectmen – Local Official
Karen Johnson, Selectmen – Local Official
Tom Mayo, Town Administrator-Elected Local Official designee
Michelle Monsegur, Asst. Town Administrator – Broadcast & Print Media
Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works
Paul Heanue, HMLP General Manager - Owner and Operators of Facilities
Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner
Dot Galo, Superintendent of Schools
John Ferris, School Dept. Business Manager - Transportation Personnel
Doug Foley, School Department Maintenance
Katie Hartman, School Department Custodial/Maintenance Supervisor
Loni Fournier, Conservation Officer – Local Environmental
Susan Sarni, Executive Health Officer - Health
Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services Director - Community Groups
Kathy Crowley, Board of Health – Health
Joan Cooper-Zach, Hospital

**CLEANER, GREENER HINGHAM
formerly LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974, 2 year term)**

Janie McPhillips	2020
Stephen T. Jiranek	2020
Steve Collins	2020
Andrew Ayer	2020
Brian Cardarella	2019
Kathleen Puzo	2019
Brenda P. Black	2019

David P. White	2019
Diane Morrison	2019
Peter Stathopoulos	2019

Ex-officio
Superintendent Public Works

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

David Alschuler, Hingham Representative

MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative
Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)**

Katie McBrine, Hingham Representative

**MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)**

Kenneth Drescher	2020
Joan Getto, Chair	2020
Martha Ryan	2020
Ann Shilhan	2020
Michael Shilhan	2020
Dorcas V. Wagner	2020

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)**

David Alschuler	2021
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**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
(MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Gerald Allen (Conservation Appt.), Chairman	2020
Carolyn Nieslen (Selectmen Appt.)	2019
Charles Berry (Planning Board Appt.)	2018

**PARKING CLERK
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

PERSONNEL BOARD**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

Marie Harris	2021
David Pace	2021
Russell Conn	2020
Jack Manning	2020
Smaiyr Million	2019

PLANNING BOARD**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Ted Matthews (Associate Member)	2019
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PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

Mary Power

POLICE CHIEF**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Glenn Olsson

PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Randy Sylvester

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)**

Judith Nims	2020
Thomas Burbank	2019
Donna Marchand	2019
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk	

ROUTE 3A TASK FORCE**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Deirdre Anderson
Bryce Blair
Alan Perrault
Judith Sneath
Paul Healey
Roger Fernandes (Staff)
Mary Savage Dunham (Staff)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)**

John Fitzsimmons	2021
Adam White	2020

Roger Nastou	2019
Matthew McGonagle	2019
Francis Gaul	2019
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer	Statutory

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

James R. Huse, Chairman	2021
Barbara Kardok	2021
Dorothy Manganaro	2021
Michael Studley	2020
Philip Shute	2020

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen Messinger
Randy Sylvester

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS
(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Raymond Abreau	Jake Handrahan	Mitchell Powers
Leslie Badger	Robert Mansfield	Michael Riley
Mark Brennan	Michael McCue	Charles Souther
Kenneth Corson	Michael Murray	James Taylor
Joseph Driscoll	Kevin Nguyen	Russell Way
Daniel Galvin	John Norris	James Wells
Daniel Goldstein	John Nourkaitis	
Max Goldstein	Michael Parker	
Brian Willard		

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR
Thomas Mayo

**2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE
(Ad Hoc Appt. by Selectmen, 12/20/12)**

Charlie Cristello
Tina Sherwood
Thomas Carey, Jr.
Ronnie Kirvin
Jerry Seelen

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Mansfield (Police Rep.)

John Haley (Fire Rep.)

William Ramsey (Planning Board Rep.)

Harry Sylvester (DPW Rep.)

Richard Wehter

2020

TREE WARDEN

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

VETERANS COUNCIL**(MGL Ch. 115, Sec. 12, Appt. by Selectmen)**

Mary Ann Blackmur

2021

James Ippolito, Chaplain

2021

Kelly Collins

2021

Jack Rayburn

2020

Joseph Sweeney

2020

Joseph Gragg

2019

Hank Maude

2019

Thomas Burbank

2019

Janine Suchecki

2019

Scott McMillan

Frank Curtis

WATER CO. ACQUISITION STUDY COMMITTEE**(Appt. by Selectmen, 3/29/12)**

Jonathan Asher

Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.

Robert Higgins

Joshua Krumholz

Edward R. Siegfried

WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

Maureen F. Doran

Matthew H. Greene

Ron Kirven

Samuel S. Mullin, Chairman

Kirk J. Shilts

Adam C. S. White

Melissa Bower Smith

Kelly Huffman

WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)
Robert Egan

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE
Patricia Coyle, Hingham Representative

WHISTLEBLOWER COMMITTEE
Dan Dwyer (Moderator Appt.)
Mike Dwyer (Chair of Audit Committee)
David Pace, (Chair of Personnel Board)

Annual Town Meeting

April 23, 2018

Registered Voters: 17,076
Attendance: 592

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 23, 2018. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m, a quorum being present. **Scott Ford and Dan Dwyer** were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Rabbi Shira Joseph of the congregation Sha'aray Shalom. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Keith Jermyn, the Director of Veterans' Service. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, etc.
3. Reports from Various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
8. Transfer from Meals Tax Stabilization
9. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
10. Building Department Revolving Fund
11. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
12. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
13. Appropriate Funds for Fire Apparatus
14. Appropriate Funds for Town Wharves
15. Appropriate Funds for High School Gym Wall
16. Appropriate Funds for MWRA Sewer Extension
17. Community Preservation
18. Adopt Stretch Energy Code
19. Naming of Conservation Property on South Pleasant Street
20. Acquisition of Land for Public Purposes
21. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Section VI Definitions
22. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Section IV-D Flexible Residential Development
23. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Floodplain Protection Overlay District
24. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Use Table and Parking

25. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Common Driveways
26. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Accessory Dwelling Units
27. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Ban on Marijuana Establishments
28. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Ban on Marijuana Establishments
29. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Regulation of Marijuana Establishments
30. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Definitions Related to Marijuana not Medically Prescribed
31. Accept MGL Ch. 64N, Section 3 – Marijuana Sales Tax
32. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Marijuana Dispensary
33. Amend Zoning By-Law re: Hingham Affordable Housing Trust
34. Street Acceptance Lewis Court
35. Acceptance of Easements

Article 1

VOTED: That Laurel Cosman, 16 Queen Ann Lane, be re-elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 2

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, Massachusetts General Laws chapter 91, section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with section 11 of said chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 3

VOTED: That the reports, if any, of the existing town Committees and Commissions and the Town Historian be received; and that all of said bodies and posts of government be continued, except that the 2006 School Building Committee be discharges with thanks.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 4

VOTED: That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any Cost Item agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2018, or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,541 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personnel Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 5

VOTED: That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Selectmen: at the annual rate of \$2,000 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500 for the period of incumbency.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000 for the period of incumbency.

Town Clerk¹: in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-law.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department).

Provided: that the salary of the Town Clerk shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such Officer from the Town of Hingham.

¹ Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 41, section 19G.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 6

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate for each of the following purposes, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018, the sum of money

stated therefor, provided that, where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in partial payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn-in is stated; and provided that any amount or portion thereof appropriated to a sub-account and included in a numbered account as set forth below may be transferred to another sub-account under the same numbered account with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 7

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$178,836 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate.

A 2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 8

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$450,000 from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate.

A 2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 9

VOTED: That, with the exception of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant's payment in lieu of taxes (expected to be approximately \$500,000 based on Plant sales, but no less than \$450,000), which is hereby transferred to the General Fund, all funds received by the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant during the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said Fiscal Year, as defined in sections 57 and 57A of chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said Fiscal Year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and

used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next Fiscal Year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 10

VOTED: That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Building Department Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2019 to \$300,000.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 11

VOTED: That the Town limit the total amount that may be spent from the Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2019 to \$60,000.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 12

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$884,146 to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during Fiscal Year 2018.

Majority Vote

Article 13

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$500,000 for the purchase of a new Aerial Apparatus for the Hingham Fire Department. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

A 2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 14

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$200,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the initial repair and reconstruction, as well as the improved resiliency, of up to four Town-owned wharves at Town Pier, the POW/MIA Park, the former Mobil Station Parcel, and Barnes Wharf. The expenditure of these funds is subject to the award of a grant from the Seaport Bond Council or equivalent funding source. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

A 2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 15

VOTED: That the Town appropriate an amount not in excess of \$60,000 from available reserves to assess and provide designer services for the replacement of the glass block windows at the High School gymnasium and related work which may involve structural support work including masonry repointing, flashing, roof repair or replacement, replacing heating units, and other ancillary work that would be necessitated by the replacement project.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 16

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$55,300 from available reserves to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of engineering and associated fees to submit an application(s) to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to obtain a permit(s) for the extension of sewer service to the properties located at Barnes Wharf, 30

Summer Street, Hingham, MA, and/or at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt Street, Hingham, MA.

A Majority Vote

Article 17

VOTED: That the Town appropriate or set aside for later spending funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") as follows:

- 1) Appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund for addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund;
- 2) Appropriate \$357,809 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve and \$106,691 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for the HAHT Opportunity Fund;
- 3) Appropriate \$3,050 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Historical Commission for the conservation of historic Town records;
- 4) Appropriate \$15,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Cemetery Association for the Hingham Cemetery Erosion Control Project to preserve historical grave plots located on the southwest corner of the cemetery at 12 South Street, Map 61/Lot 116;
- 5) Appropriate \$28,535 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower Committee to restore the mechanisms of Bell #6 and Bell #8 located at 68R Main Street, Map 61/Lot 124A;
- 6) Appropriate \$37,300 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Historical Society to install the Old Fort House (Richardson) on a granite foundation and to conduct a limited archaeological survey as needed located at 21 Lincoln Street, Map 61/Lot 21;
- 7) Appropriate \$110,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach and the Harbor Development Committee for the Harbor Boardwalk Extension Project located at 0 Otis Street, Map 50/Lot 50;
- 8) Appropriate \$85,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the Hingham Recreation Commission for construction of a play area located at 0 Hull Street, Map 43/Lot 19;
- 9) Appropriate \$300,000 from the Community Preservation General Fund to be used by the South Shore Country Club ("SSCC") for Design and Construction Plans for possible replacement of the

pool located at 274 South Street, Map 70/Lot 14. The Country Club Management Committee ("CCMC") shall not expend the CPC grant of \$300,000 until the following conditions have been met to the satisfaction of a majority of the Board of Selectmen ("BOS") and shall return such grant funds to the CPC for use on future projects if such conditions have not been met:

1. Private pledges or donations in the amount of \$350,000 have been raised to match the CPC grant of \$300,000.
2. The feasibility study has been completed and a sustainable operating plan for the facility has been developed.
3. The CCMC and the BOS have agreed on a path forward to fund the capital required to pay for the reasonably estimated construction costs of the facility. Capital funding sources may include some or all of the following: private donations; new debt issued by the SSCC; and new debt issued by the Town on behalf of the SSCC.

A Unanimous Vote

A Majority Vote (Articles 2 & 9)

Article 18

VOTED: That the Town adopt the "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, including future editions, amendments and modifications, with an effective date of July 1, 2018.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 19

VOTED: That the Town give the name "Lehner Conservation Area" to those parcels of land located on South Pleasant Street, Hingham, MA, as described in the deeds recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 47989, Page 233, and in Book 47989, Page 243, and as further shown on a plan recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 61, Page 40.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 20

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire from Broadstone Bare Cove Alliance, LLC (or the current record

owner), for public park purposes to be combined with the adjacent public park known as Bare Cove Park, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between Broadstone Bare Cove, LLC, and the Town of Hingham dated October 27, 2016 and the First Amendment to said MOA dated June 20, 2017, for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town, that certain parcel of land shown as Parcel B-1B on a Plan entitled "#230 Beal Street Plan of Land in Hingham, MA (Plymouth County)", dated November 20, 2017, prepared by Precision Land Surveying, Inc.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 21

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: By amending Section VI by inserting after the definition of "Lot Line, Side" the following: "Lot Width The horizontal distance between side lot lines, measured parallel to the lot frontage."

A 2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 22

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: By amending Section IV-D.9.b. by replacing the last sentence thereof with the following:

"· Minimum Distance between detached principal structures on the same lot: 30 feet".

A 2/3rd Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 23

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, as adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: By replacing the third sentence of the first paragraph of Section III-C.1 in its entirety with the following: "The map panels of the Plymouth

County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Hingham are panel numbers 25023C0018J, 25023C0019J, 25023C0038J, 25023C0081J, 25023C0082J, 25023C0083J, 25023C0084J, 25023C0091J, 25023C0092J, 25023C0101J, 25023C0102J, 25023C0103J, 25023C0104J, and 25023C0111J, dated July 17, 2012, and revised by Letters of Map Revision effective August 14, 2015, September 8, 2017, and December 13, 2017."

Item 2: By replacing the last sentence of the first paragraph of Section III-C.1 in its entirety with the following: "The Letters of Map Revision are on file with the Conservation Commission."

Item 3: By replacing the zoning map entitled "Zoning Part B Floodplain Protection Overlay District", dated April 2016, with the map entitled "Zoning Part B Floodplain Protection Overlay District", dated April 2018, to reflect the following changes: (1) to correct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Zone designation for the following parcels: 30 Cushing Avenue, 17-0-99; 37 Cushing Avenue, 17-0-100; 60 Howe Street, 17-0-10; 62 Howe Street, 17-0-11; 64 Howe Street, 17-0-12 and (2) to replace the last sentence of the footnote to such map with the following: "Flood zone designations are based on 2012 Flood Insurance Rate Maps issued by FEMA and revised by Letters of Map Revision effective August 14, 2015, September 8, 2017, and December 13, 2017 for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program."

A 2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 24

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended as follows:

Item 1: By amending Section III-A to delete the content in III-A.4.18 and insert "Intentionally left blank";

Item 2: By amending Section V-A.2 to insert ", or deviating from the Design Standards specified by this Section V-A" after "V-A" in the second sentence;

Item 3: By amending Section V-A.2 to replace the fifth sentence with the following: "Parking areas for each land use shall be located on the same parcel unless a Special Permit A3 is granted by the Planning Board to permit parking on a contiguous parcel or on a parcel across the street."

A 2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 25

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended as follows:

Item 1: By amending Section V-I.4(a) to delete "an 18"cape cod berm" in the last sentence and insert "a 12" cape cod berm";

Item 2: By amending Section V-I.5 to delete the last sentence, which states "Approved legal documents shall be recorded prior to issuance of a building permit for any building to be served by the Common Driveway", and replacing it with "Approved legal documents shall be recorded prior to a) issuance of a building permit for any building to be served by the Common Driveway or b) construction of or improvements to the Common Driveway, whichever occurs first."

A 2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

Article 26

That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: By amending Section III-A. to insert the following subsection: "1.8.9 Accessory Dwelling Units within a single-family dwelling, subject to Section V-K", to be permitted by Special Permit A1 ("A1") in Residence District A, Residence District B, Residence District C, Residence District D, Residence District E, Business District A and Business District B, and prohibited ("O") in all other zoning districts.

Item 2: By amending Section V to insert the following:

"V-K Accessory Dwelling Units

1. Purpose

Consistent with the Master Plan Goals adopted March 20, 2017, the purpose of permitting accessory dwelling units in single-family dwellings is to:

- a. Provide accessory dwelling units without adding to the number of buildings in the Town or substantially altering the appearance of the dwelling and for the purpose of enabling owners of single-family dwellings to share space and the burdens of homeownership with family members (as defined in this

Section V-K) while also protecting the stability, property values and residential character of the surrounding neighborhood.

- b. Provide housing units for family members with diverse housing needs including, without limitation, family members with mental and physical disabilities.
- c. Enable the Town to monitor accessory dwelling unit construction for code compliance.

2. Definitions

- a. An "accessory dwelling unit" is a second self-contained dwelling unit within a single-family dwelling, which second dwelling unit is subordinate in size to the principal dwelling and otherwise complies with the provisions of this Section V-K.
- b. For the purposes of this Section V-K, a "family member" shall be a person related to the owner by blood, adoption or marriage, and may also include domestic help and caregivers.
- c. A "principal dwelling" for the purposes of this Section V-K is a single-family dwelling exclusive of the area that constitutes the accessory dwelling unit.
- d. A single-family dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit shall not be deemed to be a two-family dwelling.

3. Eligibility Requirements

The Board of Appeals may only issue a Special Permit A1 for an accessory dwelling unit that meets the following minimum eligibility requirements:

- a. As of the date that the application for a special permit is filed with the Board of Appeals, the total number of accessory dwelling units in the Town shall not exceed two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total single-family dwelling units in the Town (the "ADU Cap"). The ADU Cap shall be determined by a fraction represented as follows: the numerator shall be the total number of accessory dwelling units allowed by special permit pursuant to this Section V-K plus the number of accessory dwelling unit permit applications pending approval before the Board of Appeals and the denominator shall be the total number of single-family dwelling units existing in the Town as classified in the Hingham assessors' records.
- b. The applicant shall, at the time application is made for the special permit, be the owner of the lot and single-family dwelling thereon in which the accessory dwelling unit is proposed and must certify in such application that (i) the owner currently occupies the single-family dwelling or will occupy the principal dwelling or accessory dwelling unit as his

- or her primary residence immediately upon issuance of the special permit and (ii) that the other unit shall be occupied by a family member.
- c. The area of the lot on which the existing single-family dwelling is located shall not be less than five thousand (5,000) square feet or, in the case of new construction, shall comply with the applicable minimum lot size for the single-family zoning district in which the single-family dwelling is proposed.
 - d. The application must be accompanied by written confirmation from either (i) the Board of Health that the requirements of the Massachusetts Title 5 septic system regulations and the Hingham Board of Health Supplemental Rules and Regulations for septic systems have been or can be met or (ii) the Sewer Department that there exists available capacity in the applicable sewer district, in either case, to support the total number of bedrooms proposed for the lot inclusive of the accessory dwelling unit.
 - e. Only one accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted within a single-family dwelling and per lot so that the total number of dwelling units per lot shall not exceed two.
 - f. In Residence District D and in Business Districts A and B accessory dwelling units are only permitted in preexisting nonconforming single-family dwellings.
4. Dimensional and Design Requirements
- The Board of Appeals may only issue a Special Permit A1 for an accessory dwelling unit that meets the following dimensional and design requirements:
- a. The architectural character of a detached single-family dwelling shall be maintained.
 - b. All stairways accessing an accessory dwelling unit above the ground floor of a single-family dwelling shall be enclosed within the exterior walls of the single-family dwelling.
 - c. The maximum area of an accessory dwelling unit shall be the lesser of 750 square feet or 30% of the gross floor area of the principal dwelling. For this calculation, the gross floor area shall be as defined in Section VI of this By-Law.
 - d. An accessory dwelling unit shall not be created by any extension of a non-conforming building dimension, including the front, side or rear yard setback.
 - e. Any new entrance for the accessory dwelling unit or principal dwelling shall be located to the side or rear of the single-family dwelling.
 - f. Water and sewer utilities serving the accessory dwelling unit shall not be metered separately from the principal dwelling.

- g. Additional or modified landscaping, fences or other buffers may be required to protect abutting properties from potential negative visual or auditory impacts of the accessory dwelling unit.
 - h. The parking requirement for an accessory dwelling unit is one space per bedroom in addition to the minimum required parking spaces for a single-family dwelling.
 - i. An accessory dwelling unit may not have more than two (2) bedrooms.
5. General Conditions
- Any special permit issued pursuant to this Section V-K shall be subject to, and shall incorporate the following conditions:
- a. The owner of the single-family dwelling shall occupy either the principal dwelling or the accessory dwelling unit as the owner's primary residence. Temporary absences of the owner for a period of not more than nine months in the aggregate in any twelve month period and active military service of the owner for any length of time shall not be deemed a violation of this requirement provided that the dwelling units may only be occupied by family members of the owner during the owner's absence.
 - b. The owner shall recertify annually, by submission of a notarized letter to the Building Commissioner, that the owner will continue to occupy either the primary dwelling or the accessory dwelling unit as the owner's primary residence, except for a bona fide temporary absence as provided above in subsection 5.a.
 - c. Upon the sale or other conveyance or transfer of a single-family dwelling which has been issued a permit for an accessory dwelling unit, if the new owner wishes to maintain the special permit for the accessory dwelling unit use, such new owner must, within thirty (30) days of such transfer, submit a notarized letter to the Building Commissioner certifying that the new owner will occupy one of the dwelling units as the new owner's primary residence and comply with the other conditions of the accessory dwelling unit use.
 - d. Neither the principal dwelling nor the accessory dwelling unit may be sold or otherwise conveyed or transferred separately from the other.

A 2/3rd Vote Required
A Majority Vote

Article 27

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended as follows:

Item 1: By amending Section III-A to number the first two paragraphs by inserting the numerals "1" and "2" respectively;

Item 2: By amending Section III-A by inserting a new paragraph "3. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of marijuana establishments, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 1 and as may otherwise be defined by Massachusetts law or regulation, including, without limitation, all marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers, on-site consumption of marijuana, and any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, as well as businesses dealing in marijuana accessories, and the conducting of any such activity for commercial purposes by whatever name used, shall be prohibited within the Town of Hingham. This prohibition shall not be construed to prohibit Registered Marijuana Dispensaries to the extent permitted under this Zoning By-Law."

Item 3: By repealing Section V-J (Regulation of the Sale and Consumption of Marijuana Not Medical Prescribed) in its entirety.

A 2/3rd Vote Required A Majority Vote

Article 28

VOTED: That the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by inserting a new General By-Law Article 43 as follows:

Article 43 – Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 94G, section 3(a)(2), all types of marijuana establishments, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 94G, section 1, and as may otherwise be defined by Massachusetts law or regulation, including, without limitation, all marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers, on-site consumption of marijuana, and any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, as well as businesses dealing in marijuana accessories, and the conducting of any such activity for commercial

purposes by whatever name used, shall be prohibited within the Town of Hingham. This prohibition shall not be construed to prohibit Registered Marijuana Dispensaries to the extent permitted under the Town of Hingham Zoning By-Laws.

A Majority Vote

Article 29

VOTED: Regulation of Marijuana Establishments

No Action

A Unanimous Vote

Article 30

VOTED: Definitions Related to Marijuana not Medically Subscribed

No Action

A Unanimous Vote

Article 31

VOTED: Marijuana Sales Tax

No Action

A Unanimous Vote

Article 32

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: By replacing Section V-H.1.a) in its entirety with the following:
"a) To regulate the siting, security, and operation of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, subject to the applicable provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 94I and the regulations promulgated at 105 CMR 725 et. seq., as the same may be amended or replaced (collectively referred to in this Section V-H as "applicable law"). Terms used in this Section V-H and not otherwise defined in this By-Law shall have the meaning set forth under applicable law.;

Item 2: By replacing Section V-H.2 in its entirety with the following:
"Registered Marijuana Dispensary ("RMD") (also known as Medical

Marijuana Treatment Center) means the premises at which a medical use marijuana licensee is permitted under applicable law and this By-Law to possess, cultivate, process, transfer, transport, sell, distribute, dispense, or administer medical use marijuana to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.

Medical Use of Marijuana shall mean the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils or ointments, transfer, transportation, sale, distribution, dispensing or administration of marijuana for the benefit of registered qualifying patients in the treatment of debilitating medical conditions or the symptoms thereof.”;

Item 3: By amending Section V-H.5.a) by deleting “; provided, however, that an RMD that is solely for the cultivation of marijuana and is protected under Chapter 40A, Section 3 shall not require a special permit but shall be subject to Section III-B.9 of the By-Law”;

Item 4: By replacing Section V-H.3 in entirety with the following: “3. Exclusion of Other Marijuana Establishments. This Section V-H shall govern Registered Marijuana Dispensaries as defined herein and shall not be interpreted to allow any other establishment, including any marijuana establishment as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 94G, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes, transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, or related activities except as, and to the extent, expressly permitted under this Zoning By-Law and any other By-Laws and regulations of the Town of Hingham.”

2/3rd Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 33

VOTED: That the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town, adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, by amending Article 39, Section 2, by inserting the following new paragraph (18) to authorize the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust to have the additional powers to act as the lottery and monitoring agent for affordable housing and to accept compensation for those services for deposit into the trust all in accordance with the Town’s authority to grant such additional powers pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 55C(c):

Article 39, Section 2(18) to act as the lottery and monitoring agent for affordable housing and to accept compensation for those services for deposit into the trust.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 34

VOTED: That the Town: (a) accept as a Town way, a way commencing at the westerly terminus of the existing public way named Lewis Court and extending westerly therefrom as shown on the plan entitled "Layout Plan, Lewis Court, Hingham, MA", dated February 13, 2018, prepared by James Engineering, Inc., which plan, together with the boundaries and measurements of the way, is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is incorporated herein by reference; and (b) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, an easement in the way to be accepted herein, an easement over the area shown as "slope easement" on said plan, and the fee title to the "drainage lot" shown on said plan, as both the slope easement and drainage lot are appurtenant to the way accepted herein.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 35

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through April 30, 2019, the Board of Selectmen to accept grants of easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, or pedestrian walkways, or water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms and conditions that the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Meeting Adjourned - 11:14 PM

FY 19 Cash Appropriations

Article 6

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

122 SELECTMEN

Payroll	503,462
Expenses	34,090
Capital Outlay	0

132 RESERVE FUND 580,000

135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Payroll	293,414
Expenses	12,555
Audit	65,000

137 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Payroll	173,886
Expenses	223,915
Capital Outlay	109,000

141 ASSESSORS

Payroll	253,663
Expenses	11,510
Consulting	67,000
Map Maintenance	6,000

145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Payroll	339,649
Expenses	46,554
Tax Titles	10,000

151 LEGAL SERVICES 232,000

159 TOWN MEETINGS

Payroll	2,692
Expenses	29,500

161 TOWN CLERK

Payroll	193,228
Expenses	7,866
Capital Outlay	

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	29,292
Expenses	18,345
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	754,225
Expenses	62,384
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	17,864
Expenses	7,370
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	221,060
Expenses	403,619
Capital Outlay	91,000
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	15,865
Capital Outlay	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,816,008
PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$460,406)	5,636,748
Expenses	358,500
Capital Outlay (\$27,000 from Mooring Permits)	308,000
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$459,628)	5,211,257
Expenses	418,865
Capital Outlay	120,000
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	858,466
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	65,163
Expenses	5,800
295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	177,481
Expenses	57,092

299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	414,044
Street Lighting	105,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	13,736,416
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	43,425,592
Expenses	8,581,105
Capital Outlay	1,023,962
TOTAL EDUCATION	53,030,659
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
405 TOWN ENGINEERING	
Payroll	259,599
Expenses	33,350
Road Building/Construction	300,000
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$55,300)	2,072,803
Expenses	440,275
Capital Outlay (\$325,000 from available reserves)	337,500
Snow Removal	554,325
Road Maintenance	358,500
430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING	
Payroll (Overtime \$27,158)	544,191
Expenses	832,115
Capital Outlay	260,000
440 SEWER COMMISSION	
Payroll (Overtime \$22,708)	350,596
Expenses	273,389
Capital Outlay	296,000
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,975,493
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	387,712
\$3,293,190 shall be funded from Sewer revenue.	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	9,285,848

HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	290,703
Expenses	36,785

541 ELDER SERVICES

Payroll	239,355
Expenses	18,308

543 VETERANS' SERVICES

Payroll	102,256
Expenses	6,444
Benefits	198,250

545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER 2,700

546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER 3,700

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES 898,501

CULTURE AND RECREATION

610 LIBRARY

Payroll	1,441,550
Expenses	310,473
Capital Outlay	105,000

630 RECREATION COMMISSION

Payroll	95,158
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650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH

Payroll	20,256
Expenses	21,254

692 CELEBRATIONS 13,268

TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION 2,006,959

ENTERPRISE FUND

720 COUNTRY CLUB 2,123,677

2,123,677 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND 2,123,677

DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	8,747,261
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	8,747,261
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 GROUP INSURANCE	6,232,754
900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,136,484
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	4,502,044
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	330,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
914 MANDATORY MEDICARE	885,000
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	13,116,282
UNCLASSIFIED	
999 UNCLASSIFIED	10,700
915 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	654,308
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	665,008
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	<u>108,426,619</u>
Article 4	378,541
Article 7	
Reduce FY2019 tax rate	178,836
Article 8	
From Meals Tax Stabilization to reduce 2019 Tax Rate	450,000
Article 9	
From Municipal Lighting Plant to reduce 2019 Tax Rate	500,000
Article 12	
From Free Cash to FY19 Reserve Fund	884,146

Article 13	
Aerial Apparatus	500,000
Fire Department	
Article 14	
Improve Town Wharfs	200,000
Harbor Development/Trustees of the Bathing Beach	
Article 15	
Design for High School Gym Glass Wall	60,000
Schools	
Article 16	
Engineering & App. MWRA Sewer Ext (Barnes Wharf & Public Library) Sewer	55,300
Article 15	
CPC	
General Reserve -	
• Administrative Fund	50,000
• Affordable Housing Trust Opportunity Fund	106,691
• Historical Comm. - Conserve Town Records	3,050
• Hingham Cemetery - Erosion Control	15,000
• Memorial Bell Tower - Bells 6 & 8	28,535
• Historical Society - Granite Foundation	37,300
Old Forth House and Survey	
• Trustees of the Bathing Beach & HDC – Harbor Boardwalk	110,00
• Recreation - Play area, Hull Street	85,000
• SSCC - Design & Plans for Pool w/ restrictions	300,000
Housing Reserve-HAHT-Opportunity Funding Program	357,809
	<u>112,726,827</u>

Annual Town Election, April 28, 2018

Moderator

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	51	67	68	84	48	29	128	475
Michael J. Puzo	268	323	388	413	260	304	409	2365
Write-Ins	3	4	6	3	2	1	6	25
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Selectman

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	19	13	33	22	14	11	48	160
Mary M. Power	240	305	370	399	247	284	375	2220
Russell C. Reeves	60	74	56	75	45	39	109	458
Write-Ins	3	2	3	4	4	0	11	27
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Town Clerk

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	28	36	43	65	36	38	110	356
Eileen A. McCracken	294	356	418	434	274	295	431	2502
Write-Ins	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	7
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Board Of Assessors - 3 Years

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	81	104	137	156	86	97	178	839
Carlton A. Chambers	241	287	323	343	224	235	362	2015
Write-Ins	0	3	2	1	0	2	3	11
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Board Of Assessors - 1 Year

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	30	39	52	69	40	40	98	368
Robert D. Keyes	88	108	75	94	74	66	121	626
Christine M. Roberts	204	247	334	337	196	227	322	1867
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Board Of Health

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	69	73	93	96	59	89	151	630
Peter B. Bickford	250	319	367	404	251	243	391	2225
Write-Ins	3	2	2	0	0	2	1	10
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Municipal Light Board

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	65	77	106	101	71	80	149	649
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	255	315	354	399	239	254	392	2208
Write-Ins	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	8
Total	323	394	462	500	310	334	543	2866

Housing Authority - 5 Years

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	72	99	128	136	98	86	174	793
James R. Watson	248	292	332	364	212	248	364	2060
Write-Ins	2	3	2	0	0	0	5	12
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Housing Authority - 2 Years

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	47	60	91	102	56	44	113	513
Megan M. Buhr	146	188	214	222	141	132	240	1283
Mary F. Pizzelli	127	145	156	174	112	158	189	1061
Write-Ins	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	8
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

School Committee

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	145	213	236	235	157	140	282	1408
Aylene M. Calnan	147	190	238	232	157	208	226	1398
Elizabeth "Libby" Emerson Lewiecki	187	190	242	261	153	200	242	1475
Kerry J. Ni	164	193	207	272	153	120	332	1441
Write-Ins	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	8
Total	644	788	924	1000	620	668	1086	5730

Planning Board - For 5 Years

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	14	31	41	49	32	28	62	257
Crystal Kelly	98	125	104	154	103	114	271	969
Judith "Judy" Sneath	209	233	316	296	174	192	210	1630
Write-Ins	1	5	1	1	1	0	0	9
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Sewer Commission

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	72	89	124	131	78	56	164	714
Robert M. Higgins	250	303	336	366	232	277	375	2139
Write-Ins	0	2	2	3	0	1	4	12
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865

Recreation Commission

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Blanks	59	92	111	105	73	52	146	638
Vicki Donlan	263	298	349	392	235	280	395	2212
Write-Ins	0	4	2	3	2	2	2	15
Total	322	394	462	500	310	334	543	2865



State Primary Election, September 4, 2018

Democratic Ballot

Senator In Congress

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Elizabeth A. Warren	299	307	293	281	207	405	290	2082
Beth Linstrom							1	1
Geoff Diehl							1	1
Blanks	37	40	38	44	36	34	55	284
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Governor

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Jay M. Gonzalez	178	195	171	177	124	235	175	1255
Bob Massie	84	87	87	74	59	83	97	571
Charles Baker	14		8	4	2	3	2	33
Scott Lively							1	1
Blanks	60	65	65	70	58	118	72	508
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Lieutenant Governor

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Quentin Palfrey	130	166	145	153	101	210	142	1047
Jimmy Tingle	128	113	98	98	70	111	115	733
Charles Baker				1				1
Karyn Polito			1	2	1		1	5
Blanks	78	68	87	71	71	118	89	582
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Attorney General

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Maura Healey	306	317	292	292	213	399	301	2120
Daniel Shores							1	1
Blanks	30	30	39	33	30	40	45	247
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Secretary of State

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
William Francis Galvin	221	231	215	208	155	323	235	1588
Josh Zakim	106	100	102	106	78	107	102	701
Anthony Amore							1	1
Blanks	9	16	14	11	10	9	9	78
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Treasurer

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Deborah B. Goldberg	266	290	249	248	188	360	275	1876
Kieko Orrall							1	1
Blanks	70	57	82	77	55	79	71	491
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Auditor

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Suzanne M. Bump	269	288	246	252	187	354	266	1862
Blanks	67	59	85	73	56	85	81	506
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Representative In Congress

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Stephen F. Lynch	235	231	220	216	172	326	231	1631
Christopher L. Voehl	18	32	19	21	16	23	24	153
Brianna Wu	67	65	67	64	43	60	75	441
Blanks	16	19	25	24	12	30	17	143
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Councillor

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Christopher A. Iannela, Jr.	197	196	182	177	141	261	195	1349
Mark F. Rooney	75	96	75	78	55	96	93	568
Blanks	64	55	74	70	47	82	59	451
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Senator In General Court

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Katie L. McBrine	291	299	263	267	196	338	282	1936
Patrick O'Connor	1		1					2
Blanks	44	48	67	58	47	101	65	430
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Representative in General Court

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Joan Meschino (Pct 1, 3-5, 5A, 6 only)	291		285	274	200	362	290	1702
James Michael Murphy (Pct 2 only)		280						280
Kristen Arute							2	2
Blanks	45	67	46	51	43	77	55	384
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

District Attorney

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
John Bradley - write in	39	38	37	36	19	105	46	320
Timothy Cruz							2	2
Blanks	297	309	294	289	224	334	299	2046
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Clerk Of Courts

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	233	266	217	234	178	314	246	1688
Blanks	103	81	114	91	65	125	101	680
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

Register Of Deeds

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
John R. Buckley, Jr.	248	277	235	240	187	329	254	1770
Blanks	88	70	96	85	56	110	93	598
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

County Commissioner

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
								0
Blanks	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	336	347	331	325	243	439	347	2368

REPUBLICAN BALLOT**Senator In Congress**

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Geoff Diehl	107	152	111	150	128	79	166	893
John Kingston	49	36	37	46	39	72	45	324
Beth Joyce Lindstrom	33	49	69	45	31	45	40	312
Elizabeth Warren			1				1	2
Blanks	13	15	15	11	5	20	7	86
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Governor

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Charles D. Baker	143	160	162	181	136	193	161	1136
Scott D. Lively	52	88	63	68	62	21	93	447
Blanks	7	4	8	3	5	2	5	34
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Lieutenant Governor

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Karyn E. Polito	158	190	178	191	163	184	189	1253
Jimmy Tingle							1	1
Blanks	44	62	55	61	40	32	69	363
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Attorney General

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
James R. McMahon, III	45	60	41	39	40	62	60	347
Daniel L. Shores	132	157	155	170	134	112	166	1026
Blanks	25	35	37	43	29	42	33	244
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Secretary Of State

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Anthony M. Amore		136	173	156	171	144	147	182	1109
Blanks		66	79	77	81	59	69	77	508
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Treasurer

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Kieko M. Orrall		130	169	148	164	144	149	173	1077
Blanks		72	83	85	88	59	67	86	540
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Auditor

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Helen Brady		129	164	147	153	137	148	175	1053
Blanks		73	88	86	99	66	68	84	564
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Representative In Congress

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Stephen Lynch		2							2
Blanks		200	252	233	252	203	216	259	1615
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Councillor

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Senator In General Court

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Patrick M. O'Connor		162	202	188	202	175	171	213	1313
Blanks		40	50	45	50	28	45	46	304
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Representative In General Court

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Kristin Arute (Pct 1, 3-5, 5A, 6 only)		157	4	180	197	174	159	215	1086
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

District Attorney

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Timothy J. Cruz		146	193	168	185	166	163	198	1219
Blanks		56	59	65	67	37	53	61	398
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Clerk Of Courts

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

Register Of Deeds

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

County Commissioner

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Sandra M. Wright		129	158	151	157	148	148	181	1072
Blanks		73	94	82	95	55	68	78	545
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		202	252	233	252	203	216	259	1617

LIBERTARIAN BALLOT**Senator In Congress**

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Governor

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Lieutenant Governor

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Attorney General

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0		3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Secretary Of State

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Treasurer

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Auditor

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Daniel Fishman									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Representative In Congress

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Councillor

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Senator In General Court

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Representative In General Court

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

District Attorney

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Clerk Of Courts

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
									0
Blanks		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

Register Of Deeds

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
								0
Blanks	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5

County Commissioner

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
								0
Blanks	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	5



Many Hingham voters chose to cast their ballot early

State Election, November 6, 2018

Senator In Congress

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Elizabeth A Warren	1024	1171	1142	1045	659	667	992	6700
Geoff Diehl	794	875	857	861	729	317	891	5324
Shiva Ayyadurai	72	62	56	63	41	13	59	366
Blanks	17	39	35	38	28	10	40	207
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Governor & Lieutenant Governor

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Baker And Polito	1416	1499	1507	1538	1117	717	1473	9267
Gonzalez And Palfrey	439	566	530	412	283	272	424	2926
Blanks	50	73	52	51	52	18	80	376
Write-Ins	2	9	1	6	5	0	5	28
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Attorney General

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Maura Healey	1274	1499	1363	1316	884	741	1254	8331
James R. McMahon	605	566	669	647	548	236	685	3956
Blanks	27	73	56	41	24	30	42	293
Write-Ins	1	9	2	3	1	0	1	17
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Secretary Of State

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
William Francis Galvin	1275	1451	1389	1311	898	764	1284	8372
Anthony M Amore	530	578	577	575	479	200	586	3525
Juan G Sanchez	49	46	36	42	29	14	43	259
Blanks	53	71	86	78	50	29	67	434
Write-Ins	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	7
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Treasurer

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Doborah B. Goldberg	1183	1338	1260	1212	809	694	1144	7640
Keiko M. Orrall	598	651	660	647	538	242	675	4011
Jamie M. Guerin	36	38	36	30	20	17	39	216
Blanks	90	119	131	117	88	54	123	722
Write-Ins	0	1	3	1	2	0	1	8
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Auditor

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Suzanne M. Bump	1067	1191	1141	1081	728	611	1048	6867
Helen Brady	651	719	710	688	582	288	702	4340
Daniel Fishman	69	78	73	90	47	43	75	475
Edward Stamas	17	28	25	30	14	12	27	153
Blanks	102	129	137	116	85	53	129	751
Write-Ins	1	2	4	2	1	0	1	11
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Representative In Congress

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Stephen Lynch	1458	1654	1580	1480	1047	778	1474	9471
Blanks	416	456	455	491	379	224	465	2886
Write-Ins	33	37	55	36	31	5	43	240
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Councillor

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	1350	1532	1471	1377	985	715	1363	8793
Blanks	525	592	587	602	447	289	589	3631
Write-Ins	32	23	32	28	25	3	30	173
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Senator In General Court

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Patrick O'Connor	834	925	919	908	735	386	943	5650
Katie L. McBrine	964	1095	1058	983	641	531	909	6181
Stephen D. Gill	56	57	44	59	37	41	72	366
Blanks	52	70	65	57	42	49	58	393
Write-Ins	1	0	4	0	2	0	0	7
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Representative In General Court

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Joan Meschino	1013		1141	1070	681	644	981	5530
Kristen G. Arute	832		879	860	733	307	923	4534
Blanks	62		68	75	43	56	76	380
Write-Ins	0		2	2	0	0	2	6
Total	1907	-	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	10450

Representative In General Court

Precinct 2	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
James Michael Murphy		1533						1533
Blanks		587						587
Write-Ins		27						27
Total		2147						2147

District Attorney

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Timothy J. Cruz	920	1014	995	1019	813	384	1036	6181
John E. Bradley	905	1043	990	890	580	569	847	5824
Blanks	81	90	103	98	63	54	98	587
Write-Ins	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	5
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Clerk Of Courts

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	1336	1525	1457	1351	972	720	1349	8710
Blanks	545	600	603	628	465	284	601	3726
Write-Ins	26	22	30	28	20	3	32	161
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Register Of Deeds

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
John R. Buckley, Jr.	1359	1543	1478	1359	982	721	1370	8812
Blanks	526	583	585	624	454	284	585	3641
Write-Ins	22	21	27	24	21	2	27	144
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

County Commissioner

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Sandra Wright	1238	1419	1319	1312	999	551	1272	8110
Blanks	625	679	717	664	433	453	668	4239
Write-Ins	44	49	54	31	25	3	42	248
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Question 1

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Yes	414	497	441	382	298	564	432	3028
No	1449	1585	1604	1582	1123	379	1504	9226
Blanks	44	65	45	43	36	64	46	343
Write-Ins						0		0
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Question 2

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Yes	1294	1451	1420	1338	885	701	1294	8383
No	541	623	591	581	520	245	597	3698
Blanks	72	73	79	88	52	61	91	516
Write-Ins								0
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Question 3

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	5A	6	TOTAL
Yes	1322	1464	1448	1377	936	723	1301	8571
No	542	632	580	575	496	248	639	3712
Blanks	43	51	62	55	25	36	42	314
Write-Ins								0
Total	1907	2147	2090	2007	1457	1007	1982	12597

Vital Statistics

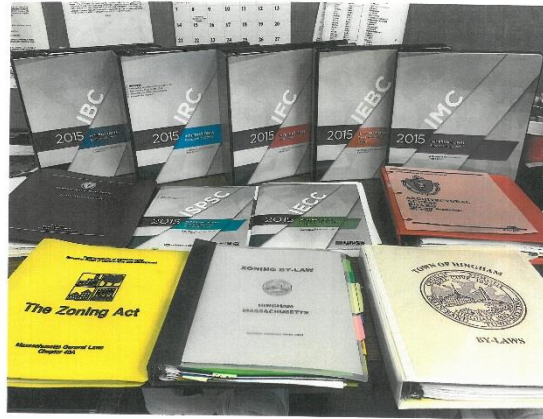
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Births	201	222	220	206	197
Marriages	85	84	78	74	67
Deaths	402	491	484	493	496

*Received as of preparation of report. For verification of any individual record, call the Town Clerk's Office.

Building Department

The Building Department continues to see a high-volume of residential and commercial construction along with renovation projects throughout the town. Linden Ponds is now finished with their 106 apartments. The Avalon project at 319 Lincoln Street has received 50% of the occupancy permits for their 190 apartments. The Brio project at 10 Shipyard Drive with 77 condo units are well on their way to full occupancy in the spring 2019. The Alliance project at 350 Beal Street has received foundation and building permits for 220 apartments. The building permit has been issued for 90 assisted-living/memory care apartments at 276 Whiting Street. The Lincoln building at the corner of Main and South Street has received a building permit to reconstruct the building with six condo units and five retail spaces at ground level. A new commercial building has opened on Lincoln Street featuring a retail boat store and drycleaner. The unsafe structures at 58 Main Street were razed. There have been several raze and reconstruction of single-family homes throughout the town as well.

We are now enforcing the Massachusetts 9th Edition of 780 CMR State Building Code, the Massachusetts State Electrical Code 527 CMR 12.00, the Massachusetts State 248 CMR Plumbing and Gas Code, along with the Town of Hingham General By-Law and the Zoning By-Law.



All permits are now applied for online. Homeowners and contractors may apply for permits from their home or office at www.hingham-ma.gov.

The Building Department has issued a total of 5,355 permits and conducted 6,991 inspections in 2018.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1,398	Building Permits	\$1,472,869
24	Final Cost Affidavits	59,008
950	Plumbing Permits	108,750
583	Gas Permits	29,030
1,623	Electrical Permits	216,716
101	Certificate of Inspection	9,410
313	Occupancy	9,660
5	Re-inspection	375
358	Sheet Metal	45,520
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5,355		\$1,951,338

I would like to thank the staff of the Building Department for their continued professional manner in which they serve the various customer concerns and inspections that we address throughout the day.

The Building Department would like to thank all applicants, residents, businesses and town departments for their cooperation and support this past year. We look forward to serving you in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Clancy C.B.O.
Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Conservation Commission

Empowered to administer the state's Wetlands Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act, and the Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law, the Conservation Commission reviews numerous applications and oversees many projects that fall within its jurisdiction. In 2018, the Commission acted on 123 applications and projects, including:

- 2 Emergency Certifications
- 1 Stop Work Order
- 30 Orders of Conditions
- 3 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 17 Determinations of Applicability
- 39 Certificates of Compliance
- 28 Administrative Reviews
- 3 Permit Extensions

In 2018, the Commission also supported multiple projects related to open space management. Following the recommendation of the Comprehensive Trails Plan to improve the town's trails system, the Commission finished repairing, replacing, and constructing a total of 11 wooden identification signs for 10 of its open space properties. New wooden identification signs were installed within the Weir River Estuary Park and at the Lehner Conservation Area. In addition, the Commission continued to work with dedicated volunteers to help maintain and improve its open space properties. Various groups and individuals worked many hours over the course of the year to pick up trash, clear brush and downed trees from trails, and other tasks that contributed to a more positive visitor experience.

The Commission formed several new and notable partnerships in 2018 that will yield both short- and long-term benefits for its open space properties. For the first time since the program was started, the Commission participated in the Hingham High School "Harbormen Helping Hingham" Senior Community Service Day. An energetic group of eight seniors spent five hours picking up trash at More-Brewer Park, Brewer Reservation, Triphammer Pond, and the Bouve Conservation Area on a beautiful spring day in April. More than 15 bags of trash were collected, along with several other large items like a bicycle frame, wheelbarrow, and car seat.



Senior Community Service Day at More-Brewer Park.

The Commission, Hingham Land Conservation Trust, and Hingham Boy and Girl Scout Troop Leaders also met in the spring to discuss a variety of open space-related, community service projects. Three separate noteworthy projects on Commission-owned properties kicked-off in 2018:

- Girl Scout Troop #75399, under the direction of Jeannie Ingram, started work on the tree inventory at More-Brewer Park in May; the inventory was first created years ago by the Hingham Garden Club. The wooden signs, which have deteriorated over time, and corresponding map will be updated when the project is complete.
- Girl Scout Anna Wagner, from Troop #74829, started blazing trails in Brewer Reservation as part of her Gold Award project. All of the trails in Brewer Reservation and More-Brewer Park will be marked with blue paint when Anna completes her project. Trail intersections will also be marked with wooden signs and the corresponding trail maps will be updated.
- Boy Scout Jared Mayo, from Troop #1, started improving the Hersey Street entrance to Burns Memorial Park as part of his Eagle Scout project. The entrance stairs and sign will be repaired or replaced, and the first 200-250 feet of trail will be pruned and refreshed with bark mulch when Jared completes his project.



*Members of Cub Scout Pack 27, Den 1 during a day of clean-up
at the Lehner Conservation Area.*

In 2018, MassWildlife extended the archery season for deer by two weeks in zones 10-14, which include Hingham, in order to "increase hunting opportunities in a region where deer numbers are above the statewide management goal of 6-18 deer per square mile." The Commission incorporated this change into its bow hunting program, along with its changes from the 2017 season, and issued a total of 47 bow hunting permits; 12 for the spring turkey season and 35 for the fall deer season. The Commission received notification of 32 deer being harvested during the 2018 season.

Laurie Freeman, Chair
Paul Hall, Vice Chair
Frank Gaul
Henry Hidell
John Mooney
Robert Mosher
Jacqueline Zane

Loni Fournier, Senior Planner: Conservation/GIS

Planning Board

Hingham witnessed continued development and permitting activity across all sectors (commercial, industrial, institutional and residential) over the past year. New development and reuse of existing buildings took place on commercial and industrial properties across Town.

The Planning Board conducted twenty Site Plan Review hearings. Nine were in conjunction with Special Permits, and eleven were not. These included the redevelopment of 6 Station Street, a mixed use building at 11 Bank Ave and new development at 73 Abington Street. There were also approvals related to the expansion or modification of existing buildings and businesses in town. In addition, the Planning Board reviewed fourteen Special Permit A3 approvals in conjunction with requests for parking waivers or determinations in accordance with the Town's off-street parking regulations.

Joint hearings were conducted between the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding applications for a Special Permit A2, and the related Site Plan and/or Special Permit A3 on an as needed basis. Together the Boards permitted the redevelopment of 6 Station Street and improvements at the Derby Street Shoppes. The Planning Board reviewed seven Form A (Approval Not Required) plans. The Planning Board also approved two Definitive Subdivisions and two were withdrawn. Residential development on approved subdivision and infill lots, and in approved multifamily developments continued with activity at Baker Hill, Patterson Pond Estates, 901 Main Street Definitive Subdivision, Red Tail Lane and Weathervane. Construction is underway at 230 Beal Street on a multifamily development, a multifamily development at the Hingham Shipyard, and the former Building 19 site is being redeveloped with multifamily housing.

In the months leading up to the 2019 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on eight proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law (Section III-G Downtown Hingham Overlay District, Timeframe to Commence Permitted Use or Construction that becomes Nonconforming, Timeframe to Commence Use or Construction under a Special Permit, Abandonment or Discontinuance of Nonconforming Single-Family and Two-Family Dwellings, Rezone Conservation Land as Official and Open Space, Section I-C Enforcement, Section III-A Retail Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, Special Permit and Site Plan Review Requirements).

The purpose of the Section III-G Downtown Hingham Overlay District article is to clarify the process for design review and submittal

requirements and add a process and parameters for roof decks. The purpose of the Timeframe to Commence Permitted Use or Construction that becomes Nonconforming article is to amend the zoning by-law to comply with the current state law. The purpose of the Timeframe to Commence Use or Construction under a Special Permit article is to authorize the Zoning Board to provide up to a 3 year timeframe in connection with special permits. The Abandonment or Discontinuance of Nonconforming Single-Family and Two-Family Dwellings article was withdrawn during the public hearing process by the Board of Appeals who had sponsored the article originally. The purpose of the Rezone Conservation Land as Official and Open Space article is to have the town owned open space zoned consistently and this is considered a map clean up article. The purpose of the Section I-C Enforcement article is to provide a graduated schedule of fines and provide more enforcement tools to the Building Commissioner. The purpose of the Section III-A Retail Sale of Alcoholic Beverages article is to afford a review of the parking and site for new retail locations for the sale of alcohol. The purpose of the Special Permit and Site Plan Review Requirements is to revise the regulations to meet the Phase II storm water permit requirements and to lower the thresholds that trigger site plan review.

The Planning Board also advanced two articles related to the proposed update of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The first article would authorize the funding for the update and the second article authorizes the establishment of a Master Plan Committee. The Planning Board has prioritized this effort as the last complete update of the Master Plan was in 2001. If approved the master plan update will be a fourteen month process led by the Planning Board.

As with previous years, 2019 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of or liaisons to several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Development and Industrial Committee, the Route 3A Task Force and the Traffic Committee.

Gordon C. Carr, Chairman
Gary Tondorf-Dick, Clerk
Judith Sneath

William Ramsey
Jennifer M. Gay Smith

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial body established under the provisions of the "Zoning Act", Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.). The Zoning Act and the Hingham Zoning By-Law authorize the Board to hear and decide appeals from certain actions of the Building Commissioner, petitions for variances, and certain applications for special permits. These permits are broadly categorized into land use and dimensional regulations.

The Board is also the only Town agency entitled to issue comprehensive permits under M.G.L. ch. 40B.

The Board of Appeals consists of three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms. Three associate members, appointed to 1-year terms, presently serve on an as-needed basis. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

The Board held thirty-seven (37) meetings in 2018, during which members conducted one hundred twenty-four (124) separate hearings on both ongoing and new applications. The Board received forty-eight (48) applications over the course of the year.

Variances: Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property, and no substantial detriment to the public good. Less than half (20) of all applications submitted to the Board in 2018 were variance requests, which represents a departure from the trend in recent years where more than half of all applications received were for variances. Requests for dimensional relief related primarily to setback requirements for residential accessory structures, both attached and detached, as well as commercial signage. Only twelve (12) variances were conditionally granted by the Board last year for relatively modest forms of relief. The Hingham Zoning By-Law also authorizes the Board to grant use variances; however, this form of relief is granted sparingly. The Board did not receive any variance requests related to use in 2018.

Administrative Appeals: Aggrieved parties may appeal a decision or issuance of a permit by the Building Commissioner to the Board. Three (3) administrative appeal applications were filed in 2018. The Board upheld the Building Commissioner in two (2) cases. The third application was withdrawn from consideration at the request of the applicant.

Findings: The Board received three (3) applications for a Finding under M.G.L. ch. 40A, § 6 this past year. Findings involve changes to pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension, or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use or structure to the neighborhood. Each Finding application received by the Board in 2018 related to the extension of nonconforming residential structures or uses.

Special Permits: The Board heard applications on twenty-one (21) Special Permit requests. Special permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a particular purpose, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. The most common special permit applications received in 2018 involved residential construction in floodplain districts; commercial signage in business districts; and the modification of single-family dwellings to include a second dwelling unit in residential districts. Two applications in that final category were approved under the new Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations adopted during the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Special permit applications considered last year during a collaborative review process with the Planning Board include a proposed expansion of the Derby Street Shops in South Hingham and two (2) proposed Commercial/Residential Buildings in Downtown Hingham.

Comprehensive Permits (M.G.L. ch. 40B): Chapter 40B is a state statute that allows developers to seek a single local permit under flexible rules for housing developments where at least 20-25% of the units will have a long term affordability restriction. These applications tend to be more complex than others, in particular because the Board must review comprehensive permit applications under all local regulations, including those otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health. As a result, the Board solicits comments from these agencies and coordinates closely with all Town departments during its review of comprehensive permit applications in order to protect the public interest consistent with local needs. The Board concluded its hearing last year on a comprehensive permit application filed in 2016 by River Stone, LLC for the construction of a 32-unit housing development off Ward Street. In August 2018, the Board issued a decision conditionally approving the project, while also reserving its rights to assert that the Town had already attained the 10% Statutory Minima for low or moderate income units. The developer appealed the decision to the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC). HAC review of the appeal remains ongoing at the time

of this report. Finally, construction either commenced or continued on previously approved 40B developments, including Linden Ponds off of Whiting Street, Avalon Hingham Shipyard II on Lincoln Street, and Broadstone Bare Cove on Beal Street.

Board members would like to express appreciation for the support, cooperation, and assistance we received from all Town departments during the past year. Zoning Board staff is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all zoning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are held on selected evenings at Town Hall.

Joseph M. Fisher, Chair
Robyn S. Maguire, Vice-Chair and Clerk
Emily Wentworth, Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator



Congratulations to Emily Wentworth who completed the Suffolk University Local Government Leadership and Management Program in May

Historic Districts Commission

The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for reviewing proposed exterior additions and alterations to buildings in Hingham's historic districts. In 2018, the Historic Districts Commission held over 70 hearings and made site visits to review applications from property owners seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to protect the history and character of Hingham's historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the characteristic architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts. Maintenance and repair projects do not require a hearing and are approved administratively. The work of the Commission is enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, and by the Historic Districts By-Law approved by Town Meeting.

The Commission's objective is to work collaboratively with applicants to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of an historic structure and its site. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior form the basis for the Commission's review of projects. The *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts* prepared by the Historic Districts Commission and *Guidelines for New Construction and Additions in Hingham's Historic Districts*, written and adopted in 2015, are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. These Guidelines define the standards for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic districts. Reviewing the *Guidelines* helps property owners submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Town's website or from the Historic Districts Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that Commission members include an AIA architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, a resident of an historic district when possible and an at-large member. The public is encouraged to attend Commission hearings held at Town Hall, generally scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. Alternatively, the Commission regularly videotapes its meetings, meetings, which are readily available to watch from the Harbor Media website or on YouTube.

The Commission wishes to thank MacKenzie Pratt for his service on the Commission. Although a member for less than one year, his contribution

to the Commission’s project review process was notable. Mack, an architect, moved from Hingham to take a new job on the Cape. We wish him well.

The Historic Districts Commission is one of six permitting boards and appreciates the support and cooperation of the Building Department, the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Health.

Members

Hans von der Luft, Chair
Virginia Tay, Vice-Chair
Michael Collard
Veronica Madden
Vacancy
Andrea Young, Administrator

Alternate Members

Tomas Kindler
Benjamin Burnham
Justin Aborn

Vacancies (2)

Hingham Historical Commission

The Hingham Historical Commission was created by Town Meeting in 1974 to serve as the Town’s official body for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, many of which are identified in the *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The *Inventory* lists these assets, which consist of the homes, outbuildings, churches and other non-residential or commercial buildings, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham’s evolution and the essence of its character, culture and historic appeal. The Inventory is posted on the Town website at www.hingham-ma.gov/338.

Under M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 8D local Historical Commissions are responsible for: (1) creating and maintaining an inventory of historic assets as described in the previous paragraph; (2) protecting these assets from neglect, deterioration, demolition and development; (3) providing educational opportunities to understand the Town’s history and the historic context of its resources. The Commission carries out its responsibilities by establishing new initiatives and objectives annually and

pursues its mission through the time, expertise, and commitment of its volunteer members.



Martha Bewick (r) with her niece
Kate Reardon at her book signing

In 2018, the Commission published Martha Reardon Bewick's book *Tranquility Grove*, the story of the great abolitionist picnic that took place in Hingham in 1844. *Tranquility Grove* takes its place among the other histories of the Town published by the Commission: *Not All Is Changed, When I Think of Hingham*, and Derin Bray's book *Bucket Town: Woodenware and Wooden Toys of Hingham, MA 1635-1945*.

During the past year the Commission launched two initiatives that encourage learning about and preserving the Town's many assets. An essay contest for high school students, which encourages students to write about some aspect of the Town's rich history; and the Town of Hingham Award for Historic Preservation, the first awards for both of which will be given out in April 2019. Other projects include placing signs at the sites of many bridges, important in the Town's history and a video history of Major General Benjamin Lincoln, the first in a series featuring people, places, products and events from Hingham's past.

The Historical Commission, in concert with the Town Treasurer, administers the \$1.35M Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation and improvement of historical assets along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way. In 2018, the Commission awarded grants totaling \$110,000 to support restoration, preservation, and accessibility projects, and other projects that maintain or enhance the character of the Town.

Monies from the Historical Commission's Preservation Projects Fund, initially established pursuant to statute with grants and donations, maintain assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, Pro Patria (the iron horse), and the markers and monuments located throughout Town. The Commission also uses the fund to help carry out projects and programs important to preserving the Town's historic character. Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes such

projects and programs and has also used CPA and other grants to support preservation-related projects.

The Commission also advises on certain environmental reviews through the Federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting in 1988 and revised in 2012. The By-law is designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

Finally, by virtue of its demonstrated level of commitment to historic preservation, The Town of Hingham has been designated by the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Department of the Interior. Hingham has the distinction of being one of only 13 Certified Local Governments in the Commonwealth.

Historical Commission Members

Kevin M. Burke, Chair	Stephen Dempsey
Sarah Carolan, Vice-Chair	Elizabeth Dings
James B. Conroy	Signe McCullough
Andrea Young, Administrator	

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2018.

Calendar 2018 saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board approved the job description for the newly created position of Social Worker and placed the position on the salary scale at Grade 11.

The Board approved the reclassifications of the following positions: Administrative Assistant in Elder Services position from Grade 8 to Grade 9 in the Salary Schedule and placed the employee at Step 4; Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator-Administrative Assistant to Grade 11, Step 4 with a change of the job title to Office Manager to reflect the new responsibilities; Recreation Director from Grade 15 to Grade 17 and placed the employee at Step 6. Also, the Board approved the following requests to hire: the Assistant Conservation Officer at Grade 11, Step 3 on the salary scale and approved the granting of one additional week of vacation time; the Human Resources Director at Grade 17, Step 3 and approved the granting of one additional week of vacation time; and the Inspector of Wires at Grade 11, Step 4. The Personnel Board approved a revised job description and changed the title from Director of Operations/Golf Course Superintendent to Executive Director South Shore Country Club to reflect the new responsibilities.

Additional sick time was approved for a Firefighter and a Police Officer. The Board approved a temporary step increase for a Police Officer from PS-5 bottom to PS-5 middle effective July 1, 2018 and extending through the period in which the officer serves as Acting Lieutenant. Seven vacation carry-over requests were approved by the Board.

The Board recommended to the 2018 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2018, a 2% general wage increase for Hingham Town employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement be implemented. This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting. The Board also recommended retaining a consultant to conduct a Wage and Classification Study for non-union personnel.

During calendar year 2018, the Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a three year successor agreement with the union that represents the Firefighters. This agreement provides that, for the term, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020, there will be a general wage increase of 2% in each of the successive three years. The Board also concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a one year

successor agreement with the union representing Public Works employees and then a three year successor agreement. The first contract provides that, for its term, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, there will be a general wage increase of 2%. The second contract provides that, for its term, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020, there will be a general wage increase of 2%, plus a 1.4% equity adjustment for a total increase of 3.4%, effective July 1, 2017. Effective July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2019, there will be general wage increases of 2%, respectively.

David Pace, Chairman
Russell Conn
Marie Harris
Jack Manning
Smaiyr Million



Indian Point Vista at Bare Cove Park

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with procurement, building maintenance, and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

The Department of Public Works is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private ways and unaccepted subdivisions. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring and maintenance of the Town's capped Sanitary Landfill.

Highway Division

The following roads were either reconstructed or resurfaced:

Black Horse Lane	Harvard Drive	Pine Grove Road
Butler Road	Hayes Road	Prospect Street
Camelot Drive	Lantern Lane	Ridge Hill Road
Captain Thompson	Lafayette Avenue	Sherwood Road
Charles Street	Lazell Street	Simmons Road
Craig Lane	Lyndon Road	Smith Road
Cyprus Circle	Maple Street	Stanford Drive

Sidewalk Replacement: Harvard Drive, Butler Road, Stanford Drive, and apportion of Camelot Drive.

Installed approximately 200 feet of Slope drain at 59-61 Abington Street to alleviate water coming onto the road.

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned, plowed & treated 140 miles of Town owned roadways and approximately 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,382 drainage structures and outfalls, install, repair, maintain 3100 traffic and street signs and maintain five sets of signal lights.

Stormwater Management

Stormwater Regulation: The Stormwater Phase II Final Rule was promulgated in 1999 and was the next step after the 1987 Phase I Rule in EPA's effort to preserve, protect, and improve the Nation's water resources from polluted stormwater runoff. The Phase II program expands the Phase I program by requiring additional operators from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in urbanized areas and operators of small construction sites, through the use of National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits, to implement programs and practices to control polluted stormwater runoff. Phase II is intended to further reduce adverse impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat by instituting the use of controls on the unregulated sources of stormwater discharges that have the greatest likelihood of causing continued environmental degradation. Under the Phase II rule all MS4s with stormwater discharges from Census designated Urbanized Area are required to seek NPDES permit coverage for those stormwater discharges.

Permit Program Background: On May 1, 2003, EPA Region 1 issued its Final General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (2003 small MS4 permit) consistent with the Phase II rule. The 2003 small MS4 permit covered "traditional" (i.e., cities and towns) and "non-traditional" (i.e., Federal and state agencies) MS4 Operators located in the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. This permit expired on May 1, 2008 but remained in effect until operators were authorized under the 2016 MS4 general permit, which became effective on July 1, 2018.

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP): The Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) describes and details the activities and measures that will be implemented to meet the terms and conditions of the permit. The SWMP accurately describes the permittees plans and activities. The document should be updated and/or modified during the permit term as the permittee's activities are modified, changed or updated to meet permit conditions during the permit term. The main elements of the stormwater management program are (1) a public education program in order to affect public behavior causing stormwater pollution, (2) an opportunity for the public to participate and provide comments on the stormwater program (3) a program to effectively find and eliminate illicit discharges within the MS4 (4) a program to effectively control construction site stormwater discharges to the MS4 (5) a program to ensure that stormwater from development projects entering the MS4 is adequately controlled by the construction of stormwater controls, and (6) a good

housekeeping program to ensure that stormwater pollution sources on municipal properties and from municipal operations are minimized.

Vehicle Maintenance: The DPW facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station, and Sewer Department's equipment safely and more efficiently. This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks w/ sanders and plows, 11 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks w/ plows, 4 Sidewalk Plows, 4 Front End Loaders, 2 Backhoes, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging Material Handler, 1 Chipper, 11 Mowers, Chainsaws and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of Health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park and Town Hall.

Snow and Ice Control: 57 inches of snow, 7 Snowplow Operations, 23 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2018 Chevrolet pickup truck with Plow (#9), 2019 International Dump Truck with Plow & In-body Sander (#14), 2018 Trackless Sidewalk Tractor with V-Plow, Snowblower & Sander (#25).

Special Projects: Wall Reconstruction - Cottage Street at Stars parking lot and 338 East Street.

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 61

Tree Removals: 357

Trees Pruned: 1,363

New Equipment: 2018 Morbark Wood Chipper (#20T)

Special Projects/Maintenance:

The Department of Works Tree & Park Department Division continues its work within the Town Forest. The George Washington Town Forest was diagnosed with "Red Pine Scale" and the "Pine Shoot Beetle" which has contributed to the widespread mortality of the Red Pine Trees in the forest. Trails in the forest are monitored for downed trees and limbs. About 85% of the trees that were a threat to the public have been removed and an on-going tree removal program is in place which evaluates and removes any threats to the public. We would like to thank you for your patience while this process is going on with our commitment to open the forest with minimal impact on the forest as we make it safe for the public.

The Tree and Park Division maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and strives to constantly make improvements with

the assistance of other Town committees to which we are extremely grateful. We maintain in excess of 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various committees, boards and departments within the Town.

This year Tree & Park planted 81 shade trees throughout the town.

For the 2018 Arbor Day Celebration, the Tree & Park Department planted seven trees at Plymouth River Elementary School. Three Sargent Cherry trees were planted, two which were donated by the Garden Club of Hingham. The other four trees were Lace Lilac trees. All of these trees were planted to replace seven storm damaged Bradford Pear trees. In Celebration of Earth Day, a 2-1/2" to 3" caliper Red Oak tree was planted on the Common. Hingham was also recognized, for the 30th year as "Tree City USA".

The Department of Public Works would like to express its sincere gratitude to the past and present members of the Shade Tree Committee for their many hours of dedication and service to the Town of Hingham. We would also like to thank the Hingham Beautification Commission and Garden Club for all they do in keeping our many traffic islands and downtown sidewalks looking great.

Our staff's knowledge and experience is a great asset to the town and we would be happy to discuss any questions regarding the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs.

Recreation Division

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds and other open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Lynch Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Playground and Park, Kress Playground Park and Field, Carlson Field, the Harbor waterfront area and numerous other public grounds, areas and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvements of public roads, drainage, trees and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. The Recreation Division has teamed up with the Tree and Park division and has worked successfully and effectively together providing everyday maintenance to the Town's parks and facilities and most importantly in emergency situations that are storm related.

New Equipment: None

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year, we transferred 4,690 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 1,381 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,052 tons of mixed recyclables, 6,970 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 9 tons of tires, 1900 gallons of motor oil, 70.74 tons of electronics, 115 tons of textiles, 3.1 tons of batteries, and handled 230 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 407,000 cans and 58,800 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$24,110 to 26 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The Transfer Station is now recycling mattresses with help from a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2018, the revenue from the scale was \$98,360. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Black (round) to Blue (square).

With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 7,986 cars per week.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

Special Projects: None

New Equipment: Aluminum Refuse Trailer (#T3), 2018 John Deere (224J Compact Loader (#L32).

Interdepartmental

The DPW and the Sewer Department have been working out of the DPW building and are under the direction of the DPW Superintendent. This arrangement has allowed both departments to realize savings from sharing manpower, equipment, and office staff. The consolidation has also

allowed the DPW and Sewer Department to save in operating expenses and has allowed the DPW to use its workforce more efficiently. We will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services for the Town of Hingham.

It is our commitment to keep the Town of Hingham looking its best at all times and working to restore or improve its historical value while keeping with the plans of the future. We are constantly striving to train and keep our staff as safe and efficient as possible.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like express my sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many, many long continuous hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department/Sewer Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

I would like to give special thanks to all of the Sewer Commissioners, Bob Higgins, Kirk Shilts, Stephan Harold, and the employees of the Sewer Department and DPW for the ongoing transition of leadership of the day to day operations. This arrangement has allowed both departments to be more efficient and cost effective.

We also like to a special thank you to John Bibby, of the Tree & Park Department, who retired after 38 years of dedicated service.

We are happy to welcome new employees, Tree & Park Laborer's, Ryan Tucker and Part-Time Office Clerk, Ann Marie Papasodero.

Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Engineering Department

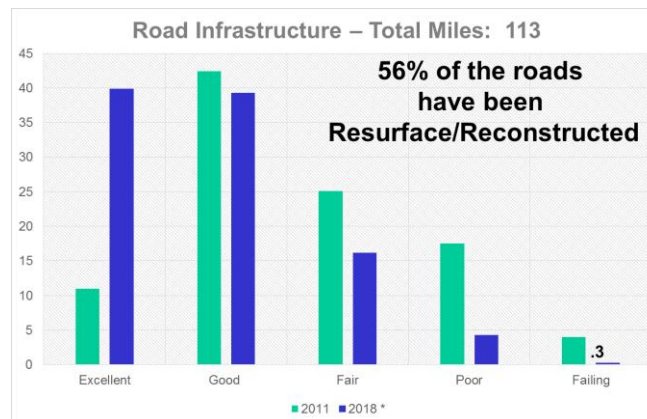
The Engineering Department provides a wide variety of professional engineering, project management, and technical services to Town departments, commissions, and boards. These services include reviewing and advising on construction, maintenance, repairs of buildings, grounds, subdivision, and other plans and proposals; overseeing engineers, architects, and consultants hired by the Town for road and building designs; and assisting local engineering firms and residents with research regarding drawings of utilities, property lines, and related Town records.

We are pleased to report the following activities were accomplished in 2018.

Roadwork

The Department managed approximately 113 miles of roadway infrastructure by developing a 5-year construction plan and a 25-year outlay with an average cost of \$1.3 million annually. Engineering staff also analyzed road ratings and developed a paving plan that was completed during 2018 with the following roads being reconstructed:

Black Horse Lane	Harvard Drive	Prospect Street
Butler Road	Lantern Lane	Ridge Hill Road
Camelot Drive	Lafayette Road	Sherwood Road
Captain Thompson	Lazell Street	Simmons Road
Charles Street	Maple Street	Smith Road
Craig Lane	Pine Grove Road	Stanford Drive
Cypress Circle		



Completed Projects

The following projects were completed in 2018 under the direction and management of the Engineering Department: Harbor Walkway through the Grove, 5-Year Road Reconstruction Plan, Library Roof Structural

Stabilization and Membrane/RTU Replacement, Downer Avenue Seawall Reconstruction, Lincoln School Apartments Elevator Replacement, Tree & Park Barn Window Restoration, and Cottage Street Retaining Wall Replacement Project.



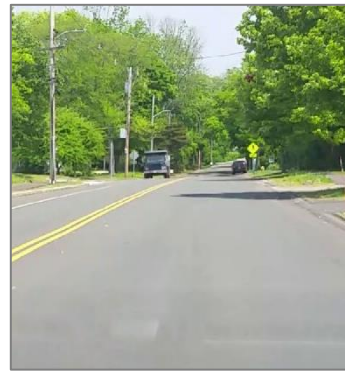
Harbor Walkway - Bathing Beach



Downer Ave. Seawall Repair



Cottage Street Wall Replacement



Road Reconstruction

Key Initiatives/Current Projects

The following projects will continue through 2019: Route 3A Design & Safety Improvements, Inner Harbor Walls Resiliency, Harbor Walkway Extension, Hingham Bathing Beach Bathhouse/Concession Stand Building, Derby Street Reconstruction, Gardner Street Intersection Reconstruction, South Hingham Economic Development, and 5-Year Road Reconstruction Plan.

Engineering staff are certified as Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Officials (MCPPO). They provide **public procurement** assistance to other Town departments for various engineering and construction contracts, feasibility studies, cost estimating/budgets, specifications, scheduling, project management/coordination/oversight, preparing designs documents,

value engineering, and review of designs/plans and estimates by outside consultants.

In addition to the project lists above, the following jobs were procured through the Engineering Department: Lincoln School Apartments Property Management Contract, South Shore Country Club Swimming Pool Feasibility Study, South Shore Country Club Sewer Connection Project, Asphalt Paving Contract, Construction Equipment Rental Contract, Micro-Sealing/Crack-Sealing Maintenance Contract, Building Maintenance Contract, School Department Roof Replacement, and Lincoln School Apartments Window Replacement Consulting phase.

The Engineering Department supports the **Community Preservation Act (CPA)** program, which funds open space, historic preservation, affordable housing, and recreational facilities through a local option property tax surcharge and state matching funds. Engineering staff assist the nine-member Community Preservation Committee with CPA procedures and project management, including permitting, plan review, inspection, procurement, contract administration, and developing budgets and cost breakdowns for projects.

Grants

We are pleased to report that the Town was awarded a total of **\$770,000 in grants** in coordination with state agencies such as the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, the Seaport Economic Council, and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Committee Support

The Engineering Department annually prepares capital outlay plans/budgets and department operational budgets. We work with project proponents (citizens, committees, and boards) to help facilitate their project goals. Engineering works closely with the following organizations:

- Community Preservation Committee
- Harbor Development Committee
- Route 3A Task Force, Building Committees
- Trustees of Bathing Beach
- Traffic Committee
- Affordable Housing Trust
- South Hingham Study Group
- Hingham Maritime Center (building & dock system on Barnes Wharf)

In closing, I would like to thank our staff members Carol Costello, Tom Molinari, and Harry Sylvester for their hard work and dedication for a successful 2018.

Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer

Sewer Department & Sewer Commission

The Hingham Sewer Commission consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Sewer Commission oversees the policies and budget of the Sewer Department. The DPW Superintendent manages the operations of the Sewer Department.

Calendar year 2018 was another productive year for the Sewer Department. The Sewer Department continued to upgrade its infrastructure to keep stride with our Asset Management Program.

Infiltration/Inflow (I&I):

The I&I program consists of investigating and inspecting the infrastructure for unwanted flow into the sanitary sewer. As part of the I&I program, our engineering contractors inspected 199 Manholes and took video of approximately 29,300 linear feet (lf) of sewer pipes. The investigation identified defects in the system which the following rehabilitation work was performed to reduce I&I and increase the capacity of the sewer system.

- 3,000 lf of pre-cleaning, inspecting, testing, and sealing of sewers.
- Installation of cured-in-place structural short liners in five locations.
- Installation of 1,800 lf structural cured-in-place pipe.
- Installation of five cured-in-place lateral liners.
- Test and grout five (5) sewer service connections at the main.
- Lined eight manhole's interior and exterior with cementitious lining totaling 51 vertical feet (vf) of lining.
- 30 vf of interior epoxy lining in two manholes
- Furnish and install 29 manhole inflow dishes
- Dig repairs at five (5) location which of three location replaced defective tee connections to services.
- Nine (9) service connections were cleaned of roots within the Town layout.
- One service connection replaced in the Town layout.
- Replaced defective frame and cover on North Street

These efforts will continue well into the future to save the ratepayers money in pumping and electric costs. Homeowners in the sewer districts who have sump pumps can aid the effort to reduce I/I by contacting the Sewer Commission to have their sump pumps checked. Any flow found entering the sewer system can be redirected.

The Sewer Department is also upgrading equipment in the pumping stations as part of the Asset Management Plan. Broad Cove Station had a portion of the piping in the pump room replaced. Greenbush Station had the wet well rehabilitated. Malcolm Street Station had the level control and the Program Logic Controller (PLC) replaced. The Town Pier Pump Station wet well components were replaced. Bradley Woods Station was rehabilitated by replacing the wet well piping, level control, bypass-vault, flow meter, and installing a new force main. Bel Air Station had a level control replaced and the electrical upgraded from the street. Howe Street Station had a level control replaced and the electrical upgraded from the street. Weir River Station had the ventilation system replaced. Also, nine redundant telephone services were disconnected and replaced with the Mission SCADA system for monitoring and alarms.

There were 13 new connections to the municipal sewer system. A force main break on Lincoln Street was repaired. A portion of the Lincoln Street gravity main was upgraded to a 24" pipe from an 18" pipe at the location of 400 Lincoln Street. The sewer easement at USS Amesbury Drive was cleared. Also, in order to update the sewer drain layers certification, all contractors were tested or re-tested to qualify to work on the sewer system.

The Sewer Department continues to work alongside the Board of Health enforcing the Town Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Regulation. Inspections of the grease traps in all food establishments connected to municipal sewer were performed to locate sources of unwanted FOG in the system. Camera inspections of the lines in the streets were performed to provide additional information and pinpoint any problem areas.

The Sewer Department would like to welcome new employee John McDonald as a Sewer Lead Mechanic.

The Commission and Superintendent Sylvester would like to acknowledge our sewer supervisor, Stephen Dempsey; department employees; Office Administrator, Liz Welch; and our office staff for their dedication and hard work.

Kirk Shilts, Chairman
Robert Higgins
Stephan G. Harold
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

It is with great pleasure that I submit my report to the citizens of Hingham on behalf of the Lighting Board and the employees of the Lighting Plant. The Lighting Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electric system to its customers due in large measure to the three person elected Light Board members who put policies and procedures in place with the long term best interests of Hingham businesses and residents in mind.

For the 2018 fiscal year the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$489,601. In the 2007 timeframe, the Light Board voted to calculate the amount of the contribution to a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity sold. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive.

The Lighting Plant continues to support energy efficiency efforts at Town owned facilities. Our contributions do not end with paying for an audit report. We helped with financing lighting retrofits, equipment changeovers and improvements to heating and cooling equipment. It is expected those efforts have resulted in energy savings to the Town in the range of tens of thousands of dollars.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Hingham Is Going Green program has been existence for close to ten years. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities. The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Theirs gets paid for by assessing their customers on a per kWh fee. HMLP finances our program. In 2018 we performed about 90 residential and commercial audits.

The Lighting Board has directed me to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable and environmentally friendly energy sources that make sense from an electrical and financial point of view. To that end we and several other municipal lighting plants have bought the entire output of a three wind farms in Maine. They are Spruce Mountain, Saddleback Ridge and Canton Mountain Wind. Spruce Mountain went commercial late in 2012. Spruce Mountain consists of 10 2.0 megawatt (MW) turbines capable of generating 66 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. 66 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 11,000 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 5.4 million

gallons of gasoline per year. Saddleback Ridge went commercial in late 2015. Saddleback Ridge consists of 12 2.85-megawatt (MW) turbines capable of generating 105 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. 105 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 17,500 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 8.4 million gallons of gasoline per year. Canton Mountain Wind consists of 8 2.85 megawatt (MW) turbines capable of generating 62 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean, renewable electricity each year. 62 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 10,300 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 5.1 million gallons of gasoline per year. In 2018 we received 9.843m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from the New York Power Authority. 9.843m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 1640 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 803,500 gallons of gasoline per year. In 2018 HMLP received 5.2m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean hydro-electric power from Brown Bear formerly known as Miller Hydro. 5.2m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 865 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 425,000 gallons of gasoline per year. Finally in 2018 we bought electricity generated by the NuGen Solar array located in Central Massachusetts. This project, similar to the wind projects, would not have come to operate without our infusion of capital. NuGen generated 2.643 m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean solar power. 2.643 m kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity is enough to power about 440 homes and is capable of reducing the amount of CO2 emissions by the equivalent of approximately 215,750 gallons of gasoline per year. In 2018 approximately 16% of our electricity came from renewable sources of energy and 44% from non-fossil fuel generating plants. 63 HMLP customers have installed solar arrays on their homes or businesses. Their combined production could total 776 kw. The Lighting Plant also works closely with the Town's Energy Action Committee in their work to promote responsible energy use in both public and private settings.

As of this writing our Auditor's report is not available for publication. When the 2018 report is certified it will be posted on our web site, as have our Annual Reports going back to 2002. kWh sales in 2018 were approximately 2.25% higher than in 2017. The 2018 system peak was in August and was approximately 7% higher than the 2017 peak and a slight increase, less than one tenth of 1%, from the prior all-time system peak which occurred in July of 2011. Electric load in Hingham grew in 2018 over 2017. In 2018 our total sales were approximately 206m kWh. In 2017 they were 202m kWh. From 2009 to 2018 there was an increase of almost 7% in total

sales. The past several years however have seen a definite leveling off in sales growth. Year over year from 2009 to 2018 there have been 5 years of growth and 5 years of declining kWh sales with decreases in two of the past three years.

The Lighting Plant continues to make capital improvements to our electric distribution system and to steadfastly maintain it. One of our most important missions is to “keep the lights on” and if they go out to “get them back on safely and quickly”. 2018 was a year which tested our mettle in that regard. Due to the year-long efforts of HMLP employees neither the snowfalls in the winter or dog days of summer brought much disruption to our electric delivery system. This performance happens because of what we do 365 days a year. We add or replace equipment as needed, maintain that equipment and pay close attention to tree growth around our lines. The Lighting Plant trims trees back from our infrastructure 52 weeks a year. We feel this constant attention to detail is what makes our system perform as well as it does when stressed by heavy snow, high winds, and load.

In 2017, HMLP decreased its rates, depending on the rate class, by 10-30%. Unfortunately, in 2018 we needed to implement a rate increase. HMLP saw its energy costs (energy, capacity and transmission) increase by approximately 15%.

2018 was the second year HMLP offset the carbon emissions of all the fossil-fuel based electricity it purchases by buying Replacement Energy Credits (RECs). HMLP is the first utility in Massachusetts to be 100% carbon free. This decision will be reassessed in 2019. In the meanwhile, what this means is that Hingham Light customers will be credited with using electricity generated without carbon emissions effective January 1, 2017.

Your Light Board is made up of three Hingham residents who are elected by Hingham voters. Their names are listed below. These folks volunteer their time and efforts to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that Hinghamites should be proud of.

It is appropriate to thank the men and women of the Lighting Plant for their tireless hard work in making the system safe, reliable and for responding to customer requests in a timely manner. HMLP employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the lighting plant.

John P. Ryan, Chairman
John A. Stoddard Jr., Vice-Chairman

Roger M. Freeman, Secretary
Paul G. Heanue, General Manager

Fire Department / Emergency Management



I am happy to submit my first annual report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham as the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director.

2018 was a transitional year for the fire department with numerous personnel changes. Chief Robert Olsson retired on February 28, 2018, after more than forty-one years of service to the Town with the last one and one half years as Chief. Chief Olsson's career spanned many changes for the department, especially involving the pre-hospital care delivery through our emergency medical services. When the Chief's career began, the department was beginning to operate the ambulance. He was able to see this progress through to today where we have two paramedic level ambulances that can provide specialized high-quality care. Chief Olsson also saw many changes within the fire service itself whether it was the advancement of prevention and public education or the changes in technology and tactics used for fire suppression. Chief Olsson was instrumental in renovating fire headquarters and was working with the fire building committee for changes to our other two stations. The Town and Department thank Chief Olsson for his service and hope he and his family enjoy his retirement.

The transition upon Chief Olsson's retirement created numerous promotions within our department. First, I was promoted to Chief on March 1. I am proud to assume this role and feel that we have a great department with many qualified and dedicated professionals. I was also very honored that one of my first official acts as Chief was to promote four highly qualified people: Colby Wilcox to Lieutenant, Jeffrey Becker to Captain, Bill Powers to Deputy Chief/Operations, and Lou Lachance to Deputy Chief/Administration. All of the firefighters have fit very well into their new roles, and I expect great things from them.

The personnel changes continued with three additional retirements: Firefighter Chris Scholtes, Lieutenant John Haley, and Lieutenant Bill McIntyre. All three members worked for the Town for more than 32 years. The department thanks them for their service and the numerous contributions they made. After the retirements, Chris Melanson and Marc McManus were promoted to Lieutenant. The department also welcomed aboard two new Firefighter/Paramedics: Joseph Deitsch and Ryan Dunne. Both Joe and Ryan graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy 10 week recruit program and have begun their career serving the Town.

In 2018, the Hingham Fire Department responded to 4,495 emergency calls. Our call volume continues to increase and is higher than the previous year. Of those 4,495 responses, 2,761 were medically related calls and the ambulance transported 2,120 patients which generated \$1,546,783 in ambulance receipts.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES -2018

Fire	67
Overpressure/Explosion/Over Heat	4
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	2,761
Hazardous Conditions	273
Service Calls	409
Good Intent Calls	322
False Alarm and False Calls	562
Severe Weather	89
Special Incident	8
Total Responses	4,495

RESPONSE TOTALS 2013 – 2018

2018	4,487
2017	4,389
2016	4,372
2015	4,332
2014	3,936
2013	3,985

The Fire Prevention Division has continued their involvement with inspections, permitting, and participation in different Town committees. The Fire Marshal has been busy with all of the new construction and has performed 190 site visit inspections to ensure the work performed adheres to fire safety standards. Last year the division issued 1,056 permits and conducted 1,526 inspections. We issued 246 residential burn permits which equaled \$1,230 in fees. The combined total from all permits, fees, and reports generated \$49,925 in revenue.

FIRE INSPECTIONS – CALENDAR 2018

Smoke Detector and CO Detector	350
Plan Reviews	403
Certification of Occupancy	313
Misc. Inspections	178
Chapter 304 Alcohol License Inspections	36
Nursery School Inspection	8
Elderly Boarding Care Inspection	16
Site Visit	190
Transfer & Cargo Tank Inspections	32
Total Inspections	1526

Sadly, the department had four retirees pass away. Firefighter John Stoddard died in January. John began his career with the Hingham Fire Department in 1955 and retired as Master Mechanic in 1980. Firefighter Kevin Carnrick died in February. Kevin served as a call firefighter from 1975 until his appointment as a permanent firefighter in 1984. He then retired in 2008 as the Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm. Firefighter Richard Kehoe died in February. Dick Kehoe worked for the Hingham Fire Department from 1961 until his retirement in 1984. Firefighter John Ketchum died in November. John began his career with the Hingham Fire Department in 1979 and served until his retirement in 2008.

The Department continued to work with the Hingham CERT Team and received another FEMA grant which purchased uniform pants and tourniquets for all members. The team continued with their assistance at large Town events such as Christmas in the Square, the Fourth of July road race, and the Fourth of July fireworks. For the first time, the team assisted with shelter operations. In March team members opened a warming center at the Senior Center. Also, members worked at both the Weymouth and Scituate shelters to support our regional shelter. Their work was much appreciated and has continued with additional training and meetings.

In 2018 the department received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase three automated CPR devices and three ambulance stretcher load systems. The Federal share of the grant was \$146,000 and allowed us to purchase these important medical devices. The automated CPR machines perform high-quality CPR and can be safely used while carrying a patient or transporting them in the back of the ambulance. Within one month after placing the machines in service one of our crews successfully used one to help save a patient's life. The load systems are a hydraulic lift system to load and unload the stretcher from the ambulance. These devices will help reduce back injuries and provide better patient safety.

The department was very appreciative of the Federal Grant and continues looking for other grant opportunities.

In September the department had a boat dedication ceremony to honor retired Lieutenant Bunky Kehoe. This ceremony allowed us to unveil our newest piece of equipment - a 19 foot rigid hull inflatable boat. The boat was a Coast Guard surplus boat and was completely rebuilt and outfitted with all new equipment; the department thanks Captain Levenson and Lieutenant Wilcox for all of the hard work they put into this project.

Public education continues with the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program. The department received a grant from the State for \$4,100 which was used to conduct age-appropriate fire safety education programs. Pre-school and kindergarten fire safety classes introduced the students to fire safety skills such as "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and "Hot or Not Hot Identification." The third-grade program focused on safely evacuating in case of fire and identifying two ways out by illustrating an escape plan. The biggest change in this year's program was the inclusion of fifth-grade students and taught them home cooking safety tips. The program focused on cooking because it is the leading cause of fires in the Country. The SAFE program continued their support of many summer programs including Hingham Recreation, Derby Academy, and South Shore Special Needs Athletic Program.

The department also received \$2,000 from another State grant to teach Senior SAFE which supports the elderly population. The department was able to provide elderly safety programs which include fall prevention and home safety. The continued support from both of the State-funded SAFE and Senior SAFE grants and positive feedback from the community allows us to continue growing our public education offerings. Thanks to Lieutenant Nickerson and his team for all of their great work.

As I begin my new role as Chief, I would be remiss if I did not give credit and thanks to the members of my department, other departments, and the community for their support. We all work as part of a team, but our department could not succeed without others. We have a great working relationship with not only other Town departments but with our neighboring counterparts as well. These relationships allow us to deliver high-quality professional services to the Town. I would especially like to thank the men and women of the Hingham Fire Department. Their compassion, professionalism, and competence are what allows us to succeed. It is an honor and privilege to lead such great people.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen A. Murphy, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

Police Department

In 2018 the Hingham Police Department continued to meet the changing needs of our community. The unrelenting opioid epidemic and growing mental health crisis have had a major impact on our officers and the way they respond to calls for service. A major focus of police training has been on how to confront these problems by developing partnerships with other agencies and organizations to overcome these difficult issues.

The Hingham Police Department joined Plymouth County Outreach (PCO), a coalition of South Shore law enforcement agencies and health care providers, which has been instrumental in helping to stem the tide of opiate abuse and overdoses. In addition to data sharing, PCO sends plainclothes officers and recovery coaches to provide information and resources to overdose victims and/or their families. PCO was awarded a national community policing award in October at the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in Orlando Florida.

This year we also joined the IACP "One Mind Campaign", an initiative that focuses on bringing law enforcement and mental health care providers together with the local community so that they become "one mind" to facilitate successful interactions between the police and persons impacted by mental illness. As part of the "One Mind Campaign" we have committed to having a minimum of 20% of our officers trained in a 40 hour crisis intervention course. Additionally we are in the process of having 100% of our officers attend a less intensive "Mental Health First Aid" training course.

As members of the South Shore Regional Communication Center (SSRECC) we have continued to benefit from regional grants to enhance our ability to respond effectively to all calls for service. Our radio communications system received funding to overhaul and update the infrastructure in order to provide seamless and secure coverage for the police channels. We have installed a new records management system and computer aided dispatch program that is shared by all nine SSRECC member agencies and also allows for the sharing of reports and data through regional network hubs.

We had four new officers join the Hingham Police Department in 2018, two new recruit hires and two lateral transfers from other agencies. We are also proud to have five officers assigned full time as School Resource Officers, including our continued partnership with Notre Dame Academy and our new partnership with the South Shore Educational Collaborative. These officers have worked with school administration and specialists to

develop and redesign the emergency response plans for students, staff, and emergency responders.

Many thanks to the committed men and women of the Hingham Police Department for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Each of them are focused on helping to sustain a safe and vibrant community and are dedicated to providing outstanding service to the residents, employees, and visitors of the Town of Hingham. We look forward to 2019 and the challenges it will bring.

Respectfully,
Glenn A. Olsson, Chief of Police

Hingham Police Statistics - 2018

Calls for Service 2018	22,582
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Court Statistics

Arrests	207
Criminal Complain Applications	143
Court orders	77
Arrest Warrants	15
Protective Custody	16
Officers summonsed to appear at court	293

Traffic Committee

The Traffic Committee exists to assist Hingham residents and business owners with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes, but rather recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen.

A crosswalk was installed on Thaxter Street at Bradley Park Drive due to it being a busy connector road and is a bus stop for both Foster and Hingham Middle School. The street is also heavily used by pedestrians.

Two No Parking signs were installed on South Pleasant Street 300 feet from the gate to Wompatuck State Park because vehicles were parking in the neighborhood and impeding access for emergency vehicles.

A Stop Ahead warning sign was placed on Kilby Street approaching Rockland Street due to the fact that many cars come out of Kilby Street and don't come to a stop when they approach Rockland Street. The sign was installed 150 to 200 feet prior to the intersection because the existing Stop sign is partially hidden by tall marsh grass.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street. Based on available data, there were five accidents at this location, one of which resulted in a minor injury. One of the five accidents occurred in rainy weather. Crashes by month: 2 in April, 1 in May, 1 in September and 1 in November.

Once again, the Traffic Committee thanks the citizens of Hingham for their ongoing interest in suggesting ways to improve the free and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian movement within the streets and sidewalks of Hingham.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, please send a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Glenn Olsson, Hingham Police Department.

Chief Glenn A. Olsson, Chairman (Represented by Sgt. Robert Mansfield)
Chief Steven Murphy (Represented by Captain William Powers)
Harry Sylvester, Engineering/Department of Public Works
Thomas Molinari, Engineering/Department of Public Works
William Ramsey, Planning Board
Richard Wehter

Traffic Safety Division

Persons Injured/Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes in 2018

Fatal.....	0
Motor Vehicle Crashes with Injury.....	118
Motor Vehicle Crashes without Injury.....	946
Total Motor Vehicle Crashes.....	1,066

Other Facts

Town of Hingham (Square Miles).....	23
Town of Hingham Road Miles.....	131
Town of Hingham State Highways (Routes 3, 3A, 228 and 53).....	4
Motor Vehicles Registered in Hingham (as of 12/31/18).....	19,580
*Figure includes Tax exempt town owned M/V's	

Motor Vehicle Citations Issued in 2018

Warnings (No Fine).....	2,144
Civil (Fine).....	583
Criminal/Arrests (from Motor Vehicle Stops).....	186
Total Issued.....	2,913

Parking Tickets Issued in 2018

Total Issued.....	220
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Motor Vehicle Crashes Facts and Figures Previous (5 Years)

<u>Year</u>	<u>MV Crashes</u>	<u>Fatals</u>	<u>Injuries From</u>
2014	776*	0	57
2015	839*	1	63
2016	855*	2	58
2017	813*	0	67
2018	1,066*	0	118

*Includes all crashes documented and/or investigated in Hingham (except on Route 3), including crashes that were reported after the fact, crashes off road (such as in parking lots), and minor crashes where Officers responded.

Harbormaster

2018 was a hot boating season with lots of sun. It was busy as always, but at times it seemed as if the heat kept people at home.

In addition to our routine calls for service, we responded to two distress calls resulting in fatalities. The first call was received very early in the season. A Hingham boater was knocked into the water by his boom. Later in the season a distress call was received around 2000 HRS from the Provincetown II, reporting a passenger fell overboard. Asst. Max Goldstein responded and was the first responder on scene. Unfortunately, he arrived shortly after passengers onboard the ferry lost sight of the person in the water. Hingham quickly mobilized additional resources and after several hours of searching with our port partners, his body was recovered. Unfortunately, both of these incidents had tragic endings. Most often tragic outcomes can be prevented by wearing a personal floatation device.



On August 10th, we received a distress call for a vessel on fire near Hull gut. Marine II responded, all people on board were accounted for and safely removed from the boat. The fire was ultimately put out by Boston Fire before the boat sank off Paddocks Island. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

The inner harbor is quickly beginning to build up with sediment from the bathing beach and other areas of the harbor. The Board of Selectmen authorized funding for engineering work to acquire plans and dredging permits. Next year will be the tenth year since the inner harbor was dredged and the Town hopes to perform maintenance dredging so that the harbor will be safe and navigable. The bathing beach is introducing a significant amount of sand into the system and people think they can drive their cars onto the sand/mud mixture. Above is a situation where a car



drove onto the sand and got stuck in the sand. The tide came in quickly engulfing the car in water.

Your Harbormasters participated in Vigilant Guard 2018, a civil support exercise simulating real world catastrophic disasters,

which incorporated an active shooter drill on a commuter ferry as part of their five statewide homeland security exercises. Hingham Marine I was the second law enforcement vessel to put a team on the ferry to locate and stop the active shooter. After the threat was stopped, the responding officers had to secure the vessel, triage injured people, and escort the vessel to Boston's inner harbor where additional support was waiting. This was the first large scale active shooter exercise in Boston harbor in recent memory. Hingham's participation in such an event is crucial as Hingham has the largest commuter terminal feeding Boston. Thousands of people commute from Hingham to Boston and back on a daily basis using the ferries. During the summer months ridership increases as the ferries make additional stops at several of the Boston Harbor Islands.



Despite the almost constant activity of the boating season there are always breathtaking moments that need to be observed and relished even if it's only for a brief moment.

The Harbormaster's Office was the first department to allow users to apply and renew permits online in 2010. This year we updated our web based system to provide our users with a better experience taking advantage of technology improvements over the last ten years. The web based program tracks 900 moorings, 590 docking permits, over 250 transient mooring rentals, 42 moored float permits, and over 140 wait list applications.

Your Harbormaster's Office is honored to be the waterfront representative of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and

suggestions. We can be emailed at harbormaster@hpd.org. If you have an emergency, dial 911. If you need immediate assistance, please call public safety dispatch at 781-749-1212; otherwise, call our business line at 781-741-1450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KRC III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kenneth R. Corson III
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable
Custodian of the Islands



Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it. To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 article that authorized the Town's purchase of Lincoln School Apartments. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints two members to the Board of Managers.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. The Trust's mission statement is as follows:

- The Trust seeks to preserve affordable housing through a variety of means which will benefit both current and potential new residents.
- The Trust will propose, support and develop affordable housing that contributes positively to the character of the town, considering both Hingham's history and its future.
- The Trust will engage in education and advocacy with the goal of promoting the diversity of Hingham's population.

This past year the Trust has been working with Habitat for Humanity on the development of 302-304 Whiting Street. Habitat has submitted to the state a LIP application, a Local Initiative Program Application, including a request for a local preference. Habitat is seeking to subdivide the property into two (2) new affordable units to add to our Town's affordable housing inventory. With the approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Habitat will proceed to work with the Town Boards to assure a quality development. This past year the Trust also has worked with the Town to identify tax title properties that might be a good location for an affordable home. The benefit of this approach is that the

properties are owned by the Town and it spreads the affordable units throughout the entire town.

The Trust purchased a single family home at 499 Cushing Street and it is currently investigating the possibility of developing a second affordable unit on the property.

In addition, the Trust is working with the Town Planner, the Zoning Administrator, and the Board of Selectmen to produce a housing plan for the Town to help us with our mission.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Town engineer, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from Town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings. Please visit the link to our website at the Town of Hingham at <http://hingham-ma.gov>.

Tim White, Chair
Brittan DuBose
Mike MacDonald
Nancy Kerber
Kathleen Amonte

Karen Johnson
Anita Comerford
Greg Waxman
Al Chambers

Necia O'Neill - Administrative Secretary

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is charged with the responsibility to review the audit process, including the annual financial statements and reports prepared by our auditors. The committee met on multiple occasions to review the following reports as prepared by Clifton Larson Allen (CLA):

1. Town of Hingham "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report" (CAFR);
2. Management Letter discussing internal controls, ongoing status of previously reported items and review of upcoming regulatory changes;
3. Federally mandated single audit report.

Key findings in the reports confirm:

1. The audited financial statements received an "unmodified opinion" which is the best opinion that a government unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects;
2. Had no material disagreements with management;
3. However, the Single Audit report related to federal grants was a modified opinion due to non-compliance with allowable cost timesheet reporting; note that this is a quite specific and correctable finding; and
4. Material Weaknesses were identified in internal control over financial reporting (related to prior period adjustments and correction of an error) – again in the single audit report and also avoidable going forward.

Following last year's RFP (Request for Proposal) and selection process, the 2018 Audit was the first year for the newly appointed auditors, CLA, which went well by all accounts.

Mike Dwyer, Chair
Rob Schickel, Secretary
Douglas Farrington
Joshua Marine
Leonetta Scappini

Trustees of the Bathing Beach

The Trustees of the Hingham Bathing Beach met regularly throughout 2018. Some of our meetings were held jointly with the Harbor Development Committee to help advance shared interests/concerns.

In 2018 the Trustees worked closely with the Town Engineering Office to advance the new bath house/snack stand project. A contract was signed with Triumph Modular of Littleton, MA to construct the nearly 2,700 square foot structure in time for a Summer 2019 opening. Greg Acerra of Fireking, the snack shop vendor, has worked closely with the architects and the engineering office in coordinating the kitchen design and assisting in financial contributions to the construction costs. Site work for the project, including bringing all essential utilities (electric, gas, sewer and water) to the building location, was initiated in late Fall.

The 2017 Annual Town Meeting funded the extension of the brick boardwalk from the Bathing Beach through the Grove area heading towards the Crow Point neighborhood. This work was completed under budget prior to the 2018 summer season. Working jointly with the Harbor Development Committee (HDC), funds through CPC were approved at the 2018 Town meeting to extend the brick boardwalk from its southern terminus along the beach parking lot across the "gazebo parcel" toward the boat ramp parking lot. Another successful collaboration with HDC was receiving a \$5,000 grant through the Greenbush Preservation Trust for a pilot project for designing and constructing historical/interpretive signs with imagery along the Inner Harbor to highlight the area's changes and diverse waterfront history. Special thanks to Town Engineer Roger Fernandes, Assistant Engineer Tom Molinari and Carol Costello for their invaluable assistance on the bath house and boardwalk extension projects including their coordination of RFPs, invitations to bid, and concessionaire contracts.

We would also like to thank the Hingham DPW for their ongoing efforts in preparing our parking lot for the summer season; trash removal; managing sand and grading/shaping the beach; maintaining the grass area along Route 3A and in the Grove area and for their coordination with our vendor's geese control program. In addition, thank you to the lifeguards and personnel who helped make our summer season so successful and for helping our residents enjoy everything the beach has to offer.

On Saturdays from mid-Spring to late Fall the bathing beach parking provided the Hingham Farmer's Market a high visibility location from which to operate. Our parking lot also served the Touch-a-Truck Program in September and Christmas tree sales.

Bathing Beach Trustees: Chris Daly, Edward Johnson, Alan Perrault

Hingham Beautification Commission

The Hingham Beautification Commission completed its fourteenth year of helping to maintain the beauty of Hingham!

The commission began formal meetings in April. There are eleven garden sites throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC. There are also several container "gardens" designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons. About 200 man hours were spent this year by the commission in planning, decorating, and mostly in maintaining these sites. The maintenance is backbreaking work of weeding and trimming plant material in busy traffic islands...and often in the hot sun!

Our daffodil planting at Scotland island in the autumn of 2015 proved itself in the spring of 2016 and 2017 with a showy display of very welcome yellow! 2018 was its' second year of yellow "surprise".

In late autumn of 2016 we were "given" the island at the corner of Leavitt Street and Route 228, which we call the Library Island. Linden Ponds had been its caretaker for years, doing a wonderful job of designing, planting, and maintaining the lovely, showy site. This was a big undertaking for our commission in 2016 and required many man hours of planning to redesign. In 2017, we started to create this island to be a bit like the island at West Hingham. 2018 was the first year the new plant material appeared on their own after the 2017 winter. We were very pleased with our hard work. The island is gorgeous; it is colorful, yet simple in design. There were still many deeply embedded weeds that needed to be managed constantly.

The organization, comprised of nine women, has received a lot of help from the DPW. Frankly, without their help, we probably would not still exist as it is quite a bit of work to maintain the islands throughout Hingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spaziani, Chairman
Carolyn Aliski
Patricia Bray
Patricia Collins
Suzanne Harnden

Jennifer Sullivan
Margaret Coleman
Lynne Anderson
Susan Kiley

Cable TV Advisory Committee

The Committee in 2018 continued to focus on advising the Board of Selectmen on the content and quality of programming on our Public, Educational, and Government channels, in partnership with Hingham Cable Access and Media (HCAM), our non-profit organization, now known as Harbor Media.

In total, Harbor Media managed the production of more than 100 hours of programming for Public and Educational channels, and more than 280 hours of Government meetings. PEG programming included several new shows such as "10,000 Steps to Wellness", a member produced show about holistic wellness, "Cormac's World" produced by Hingham High School student about dinosaurs, and "Yoga for Boomers", a Yoga program for senior citizens.

Congratulations to Associate Producer, Erin DiMartino, who won Harbor Media's first national Telly Awards for directing a documentary about Hingham High School students and their WWII learning journey to Normandy.

It is noteworthy that Harbor Media was the only Access TV in Massachusetts to interview candidates for 2018 elections, as such providing much needed information to local voters. This included interviews with Elizabeth Warren, Geoff Diehl, Kristen Arute, Joan Meschino, and other candidates from different points of view.

Harbor Media also supported many local organizations such as the Hingham Community Center, Hingham Public Schools, South Shore Country Club, Hingham Rotary Club, and other local non-profits.

Several training classes in video editing, video production, and Social Media were held at the studio as well as the Hingham Public Library. In addition to classes, Harbor Media managed several events including a networking meeting for South Shore Chamber, Ascertainment Hearing for Comcast, and Filmmakers' Networking meeting.

Harbor Media's current membership number is at 55 (up from 24 in 2017), YouTube subscribers are at 650 (up from 120 in 2017), and website unique visits was at 480,000 in 2018 (up from 1,200 in 2017).

The team at Harbor Media played a major role in 4th of July Parade. The team covered the event, designed a float, interviewed parade attendees,

documenting a key event of Hingham. The team also participated in Christmas in the Square event offering free photo opportunity for families and children.

In 2018, Harbor Media Creative Services (HM Creative) was launched to support local businesses and to generate alternative revenue for Cable Access activities. The focus of HM Creative is in creating corporate training and marketing videos.

The Committee is currently working on the cable license renewal with Comcast. The Comcast three year renewal process covers September 14, 2016 through September 13, 2019. Our first ascertainment meeting for the license renewal was well attended at Hingham Town Hall and numerous testimonials were received which will become part of the ascertainment reports filed for Verizon and Comcast.

The committee has successfully negotiated the addition of a high definition channel from Verizon and is on track for adding the same high definition channel capability for Comcast.

David E. Jones, Chairman
John Rice, Vice Chairman
Eric Connerly, Recording Secretary
Chris Baron
Jeff Cutler
Kathryn Roberts, School Representative
Farzad Wafapoor, Harbor Media Representative

Cleaner Greener Hingham

(Formerly Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee)

We are now Cleaner Greener Hingham (CGH), a name change to highlight our focus on sustainability and our commitment to help the town become greener in our waste and recycling practices.

The CGH is pleased to provide residents with a recap of waste disposal and recycling operations at Hingham's Transfer Station in 2018. In short, it was a challenging year due to the ongoing downturn in recycling markets precipitated by China's National Sword policy (refusing most mixed recyclables). As a result, most recyclables now cost more to process, though that cost remains lower than the disposal of waste. Fortunately, because Hingham remains a source-separated transfer station, the impact on the town was minimized.

To continue to keep our costs as low as possible it is imperative that we keep our recyclables as free from unaccepted materials as possible. Only with "clean" collections can we expect to send our recyclables for processing at the best possible rates. We ask residents to "Stop and Ask" Transfer Station staff before putting materials they are unsure about into the recycling areas. Both our recycling processors and our waste processor are inspecting loads carefully and failing to properly sort has repercussions. As an example, a recent plastics load was rejected due to contamination from plastic bags and plastic films, elevating costs for that particular load. Although recyclable, plastic shopping bags are only accepted in their own designated chute at the Transfer station. Plastic bags and plastic films are accepted at local grocery stores where they are collected by a local plastic lumber manufacturer. Increased costs for specific recyclables and ways to reduce the impact on our bottom line is detailed below.

Cleaner Greener Hingham's educational and advocacy efforts support the town of Hingham's household solid waste disposal operations and encourage "Reduce and Reuse before Recycle", encouraging residents to be thoughtful about what is purchased so as to reduce the amount disposed as recycling and trash. For financial data related to the overall costs and revenues from Hingham's waste disposal and recycling operations, please refer to the Department of Public Works summary and financial report in this Annual Report.

Ongoing operations updates

- A total of 5,390 residential and 121 commercial Transfer Station permits were issued in 2018. 6 "Recycling only" permits were issued to Hingham businesses.
- Currently the only recycled materials for which the town receives payment are: corrugated cardboard, metal cans, other metals, textiles and automotive and rechargeable batteries.
- The recycling of items containing mercury (fluorescent tubes and ballasts, CFL's, thermostats and thermometers) and books are picked up at no cost to the town and recycled by special vendors.
- All other materials collected for recycling are processed for a fee.
- The clothing and textile bins continued to collect all types of household textiles that will either be reused as is or repurposed in the textile and upholstery industry. The textiles collected, ranging from rags to fine clothing, totaled 114 tons which reduced our municipal waste costs by \$16,317 (through saving \$7400 in disposal costs and generating \$8,917 in receipts for the Town).
- The two commodities with greatest increases in recycling costs again this year are electronics and glass. We encourage residents to make use of recycling programs that are paid for by the manufacturers rather than town taxes when possible (i.e. return used electronics to Staples and Best Buy where most electronics are accepted for recycling and the costs are paid by the electronics manufacturers and bring any glass bottles with deposits to bottle redemption centers where the costs of recycling are paid for by the bottlers.)

New this year

- The Transfer Station has new lighter-weight aluminum trash containers to reduce fuel costs for transporting our waste to the Covanta SEMASS Waste to Energy facility for incineration.
- The South Shore Recycling Cooperative website has a handy tool called "Recycling 101" to help answer most questions about how to recycle specific materials. Just go to SSRC <http://ssrcoop.info/> and look for the Recycling 101 and Recycling A-Z tabs.
- Proposed Plastic Bag Reduction and Encourage Reusable Bags By-Law:
Cleaner Greener Hingham invested many hours in researching how our local towns are addressing the problems of single use plastic shopping bags and their detrimental impact on our land and sea environments. The resulting proposed By-Law being considered at Town Meeting in April calls for a ban on plastic single use shopping bags and a focus on encouraging the use of re-usable bags as the best practice and most environmentally sound approach for our town. Re-usable bags save on costs incurred by

the town for paper bag recycling and disposal, while at the same time avoiding the higher carbon footprint of paper bags.

2018 Initiatives and Educational Programs

- CGH continued to work in conjunction with DPW, the School Department, the Board of Health and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative to educate and advocate for common sense, environmentally friendly and fiscally sound waste reduction and recycling practices.
- We congratulate the Hingham High School Green Team, which was recognized by MassRecycle with the 2018 Recycler of the Year Award for K-12 Schools "for creating games and competitions that focus on sustainable goals in their school."



Additional Town-Based Efforts in 2018

- Prepared three Recycling News newsletters for town residents, with information about such topics as the importance of careful sorting of recyclables to keep our costs down, correct recycling of plastic bags and films and of contact lenses. summertime waste reduction, holiday green tips.
- Organized the first Annual Hingham Clean Up on Earth Day, April 22, 2018. We thank volunteers of all ages who scoured Bare Cove Park, Hingham High and Middle School back properties, collecting recyclables and trash.



Volunteers collected and sorted litter for recycling and disposal

- Posted Green Tips on the Hingham Facebook page, addressing ways to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse/Compost and Recycle correctly.

- Assisted with the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in May to respond to residents' questions about recycling. Hingham collected toxic substances from 207 households, thereby keeping those hazardous waste out of the municipal waste stream.
- Worked with the Hingham Farmers' Market to offer consistent recycling of bottles and cans.
- Worked with Town Hall to support consistent separation of waste and recyclables in the offices and public rooms at Town Hall. New bins for the meeting rooms were purchased with Recycling Dividend revenues from MassDEP, awarded for our expanded range of items being recycled at the Transfer Station.
- Supported the Hingham Schools recycling program through participation in the All Schools Recycling and Green Activities meeting.
- Worked with the schools to develop a program to get paper trays from school lunches to the Transfer Station's compost area, allowing for them to be composted into re-use as soil amendments and keeping them out of the trash. This program is going well and we congratulate the schools for this important Reuse action!
- Continued to research how other Massachusetts town are dealing with food waste collection for composting at their Transfer Stations and exploring how Hingham could do this to help the approximately 25-35% of household trash by weight get to a compost facility thereby reducing the waste that gets incinerated and waste costs.
- Responded to questions posed about waste and recycling on Hingham Pinboard.
- Informational display at the Hingham Library and Town Hall on composting and the proposed bag bylaw.
- Supported the Re-Use activities of the Swap Shoppe where items that can be re-used are made available by town residents to other residents, thereby reducing the town's total waste and waste costs.

Hingham's Community Redeemable Bottle and Can Collection Program

This fundraising program continued to benefit local youth organizations. In exchange for bottle and can redemption proceeds, this year 23 youth groups performed the following community services:

- Special Event Cleanup - S.S. Conservatory
- Stocking, organizing shelves - Hingham Food Pantry
- Helped Staff Special Needs Hockey Program
- Distributed flags for the 50 Flags Program - 4th of July Parade Committee
- Shelving and helping – Children's Department, Hingham Library
- Clean up of Elementary School Fields
- Cleaning Books – Library Circulation Department

- Painting Fire Hydrants – Fire Department
- Assist Men's Breakfast - Senior Center
- Helped with monthly tasks - Conservation Commission & DPW
- Clean Up - Hingham Bathing Beach
- Trail Clean up Moore Brewer Woods – Conservation Commission
- Weeding Garden – Bare Cove Park
- Cleaning of filing cabinets @ Board of Health Helped with Bike Race – Friends of Wompatuck
- Helped with Swim & Dive Team Clinic - HHS
- Fall Clean-up – Bare Cove Park
- Organized soccer storage unit - HHS
- Hingham Food Drive
- Shoveled Walks for Elderly – Elder Services
- Placing of flags at Center Cemetery
- Rake leaves on sides of Main Entry – Bare Cove Park
- Heritage Museum Mailing – Hingham Historical Society

Committee Goals for 2019

In addition to ongoing efforts to educate the Hingham community about the economic and environmental benefits of recycling, the Cleaner Greener Hingham's goals for 2019 include:

- Educating the town about the proposed Bylaw Reduction of Plastic Bags and Encouraging Reusable Bags
- Awareness campaign regarding the importance of adopting the reusable bag habit
- Sponsoring a Second Annual Town-wide Clean Up on April 7th , an opportunity to remove litter and beautify our town
- An overarching focus on Refuse and Reduce, the first steps in overall waste reduction including:
 - Refusing things you do not need (single use cups, straws, bags)
 - Using reusables (water bottles, cold drink tumblers, coffee cups, shopping bags, lunch carriers) and home composting of food waste
 - Strategies to reduce food waste
- Educating residents on the importance of careful sorting of recyclables and keeping our collections free of materials that are not accepted in order to keep our costs down and potentially generate revenues from high quality (non-contaminated) recyclables
- Developing strategic partnerships with town committees with shared goals
- Showcasing Hingham as an environmentally concerned community and a leader in green initiatives

- Educating residents at the Annual Household Hazardous Waste collection on May 4, 2019. Information about what hazardous materials will be accepted at the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day is included at the end of the Town Report
- Educating residents about a proposed statewide ban on plastic bags in order to reduce plastic bag litter and help residents adopt reduce and re-use strategies to keep our waste and waste costs down



Committee members:

Andrew Ayer
 Brenda Black
 Brian Cardarella
 Steve Collins
 Stephen Jiranek
 Janice McPhillips
 Katie Puzo
 Peter Stathopoulos
 David White

Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Act (Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44B) ("CPA") is a local option statute enacted by the State Legislature in 2000 and adopted by the Town in 2001. It enables municipalities to collect and expend funds (including matching funds from the Commonwealth) to maintain their character by supporting open space, affordable housing, historic preservation initiatives and recreation specifically defined by the CPA.

The Town obtains community preservation funds not only via monies from the Commonwealth by also from a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes (effective July 1, 2001). The state matching grants payable each November 15th are then based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount collected by the Town Community Preservation Fund for the year ended June 30, 2018, was approximately \$1,046,814 from local taxes and \$199,050 from the State grant. The community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of three Community Resource categories: Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of these categories, or for recreational projects, as the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and Town Meeting see fit.

CPC is comprised of nine people, five of whom are appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority and the Recreation Commission and four of whom are citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The latter four serve a 3-year term that can be extended by one term. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies, citizens, and other towns entities such as non-profits to fund projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low and moderate income housing, acquisition of open space, and recreation. The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. The CPC works closely with Town staff members Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer, provides technical oversight on construction projects and assistance in analyzing grant requests and Carol Costello, CPC Administrator who oversees the daily operations of the CPA program.

Last year, after reviewing several applications, CPC's recommendations to the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen included a total

of nine projects: three recreation projects, four historic preservation projects, one housing project, and one administrative allocation. A total of \$1,086,629 was recommended and approved by the 2018 Annual Town Meeting for the following specific projects.

Affordable Housing projects included:

- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Opportunity Funding Program

Historic Preservation projects included:

- Conservation of Historic Town Documents
- Hingham Cemetery Erosion Control
- Memorial Bell Tower Mechanism Repairs
- Old Fort House Archeology & Installation



Historic Preservation of Memory Bell Tower's Bells



Hingham Cemetery Erosion Control Project

Open Space and Recreation projects included:

- Harbor Walkway Extension
- South Shore Country Club Pool Design & Construction Plans

Finally, an administrative allocation was made to cover staff and operating costs of the CPC.

The Committee wishes to thank Jim Conroy and Sarah Corey for serving on CPC and welcomes new members Jennifer Gay Smith and Kevin Burke. Finally, deep appreciation and thanks are extended to CPC Administrator Carol Costello and Town Engineer Roger Fernandes for their tireless efforts on behalf of the CPC.



Harbor Walkway – Bathing Beach

Carol Pyles, Chair (Moderator's Appt.)
Larry Lindner, Vice Chair (Selectmen's Rep.)
Kevin Burke (Historical Rep.)
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Rep.)
Dan White (Moderator's Appt.)
Robert Mosher (Conservation Rep.)
Bill Harrington (Selectmen's Appt.)
Jennifer Gay Smith (Planning Rep.)
James R. Watson (Housing Rep.)

Carol Costello, CPC Administrator
Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer

Country Club Management Committee

Leading up to its 100th Anniversary in 2022, and 30th year of town-ownership in 2018, this past 12 months has been a season of change for the SSCC. Jay McGrail, after much success in returning the course to its pristine state, resigned his post in April 2018 to accept a job to be closer to his family on Cape Cod. After an extensive search, Kevin Whalen was hired as the new Executive Director in August. Kevin comes to Hingham with a depth of knowledge acquired during his tenure with the DCR of MA, most recently managing of the DCR's recreation and pool properties. Kevin's financial and operations background will be key factors in helping the Town address the SSCC's 60 year old pool facility which has 'lived beyond its useful life' in addition to identifying areas of growth within club operations. Golf Course Superintendent Jake Silva, Club Professional Chris Riley, Assistant Club Pro Mike Libby, and the SSCC staff continue to provide unparalleled year round care, instruction and customer service.

After 12 years many at the helm, Bill Friend was recognized with a highly deserved Board of Selectman Proclamation for his numerous contributions to the South Shore Country Club, many of these as Chairman of the Country Club Management Committee (CCMC). Bill also ran the facility for 4+ months as an unpaid 'Interim Executive Director.' and will continue his service as a member of the CCMC. Also during this year Christine Smith was appointed to the CCMC and elected chair by the CCMC board. In addition, Rod Gaskell and Paul Casey, completed their service on CCMC Board. We thank them for their service to the SSCC and the Town Hingham.

Permit Holders continue to be the backbone of the SSCC, with 362 permit holders this past season. Annual dues for 2019, have been strategically decreased by 10%, per the recommendation of Kevin Whalen, in an attempt to increase memberships. The SSCC continues to grow the game of golf through our Junior Golf program (68 junior members in 2018).

The Hingham Scramble Championship, in October of this year, provided funds for the 5th green complex restoration project. The project included improvements to cart path and rebuilding of bunkers surrounding the 5th green.

As a town-owned and operated facility, the SSCC is honored to partner and host numerous camps during the summer, including the renowned Special Needs Athletic Program (SNAP) and Hingham Recreation's Summer Sports Camp. We look forward to another great summer of activities with these organizations.

The CCMC's most important mission is to protect and enhance the capital assets of the South Shore Country Club. To this end we have spent considerable time and effort addressing the long-term needs of the SSCC swimming pool facility. As a designated Enterprise Fund, the SSCC needs to operate as a self-sufficient entity, including the servicing of its own debt. The proposed indoor pool facility and relocated putting green are expected to cost upwards of \$10 million. In order for the facility to adequately service its own operating expenses and debt obligations, private donations, CPC dollars, and cost containment will be required.

To date, CPC has funded a \$75K Feasibility Study which resulted in the town survey component overwhelmingly supporting the development of a new pool and athletic facility. The study also set forth the guidelines necessary to make the facility operationally self-sufficient. The completed Feasibility Study and the subsequent Peer Review Study indicate that restoration of the current building structure and existing pool are not a productive or economically sound alternative.

Last year, CPC also awarded the CCMC \$300K for the pool facility design and construction documents. To date, no funds have been expended, as the approval requires matching private donations of \$350K, plus a sustainable operating plan, and an agreed upon path forward with the Board of Selectmen. While we continue to proceed with our plan, the funding requirements have not yet been met, causing us to withdraw from this year's \$2.75 million Preliminary CPC Application. Fundraising efforts continue via the established 501c3 Friends of the South Shore Country Club which raised approximately \$115K this past year. We continue to work with Town officials to ensure the availability of the pool this summer, as evidenced by Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen unanimously approving at \$37.5K Reserve Fund Transfer this past fiscal year for pool repairs necessary to open for the summer of 2019. The pool can only be opened if it passes a safety inspection routinely performed by our independent, certified engineer.

With our newly appointed Executive Director, we are focused on the development of a workable plan to finance the construction of a new pool facility that will include all of the following items: private donations, sufficient operating revenues, re-deployment of SSCC funds currently applied to existing bond payments which expire June 2019, marketing opportunities afforded by the new facility, new revenue opportunities available to the SSCC and CPC funding.

The CCMC and SSCC staff continue to be excited about the prospects of a new and improved golf and pool facility under the direction of our new

Executive Director. We are most thankful for the continued Town support and look forward to identifying a path forward as stewards of this most valued Hingham asset.

The Country Club Management Committee

William Friend, Chairman

Jack Bailey

Rod Gaskell

Christine Smith

Sue Sullivan



Fall is in the air at South Shore Country Club

Development and Industrial Commission

The Hingham Development and Industrial Commission was established under MGL Chapter 40, Section 8A for the promotion and development of the industrial resources of the town. As such, it is the Commission's mission to conduct research into industrial conditions, economic trends and potential commercial growth in Town.

As part of this mission, the HDIC assists in and facilitates the development of commercial projects, including projects involving private enterprises, for the purpose of expanding or strengthening the local economy. Our commission serves to assist, counsel, and inform on the merits of planned economic growth for the benefit of the residents of Hingham, the Board of Selectmen, other Town Boards and Departments, existing businesses and businesses proposing to move to or expand in Hingham. All of this is done in a manner consistent with the Hingham Master Plan.

South Hingham Development: The Study Committee, comprised of individuals representing various town entities (Planning Board, Zoning Board, HDIC, Selectman's Office, South Hingham, etc.) was charged with fact-finding the various components that would be involved should development of any kind be proposed in South Hingham. The final report of the South Hingham Study Committee was published in November 2017. The HDIC has been tasked with analyzing how we can move forward with what we learned from this study. To that end, we have met with Town Staff, Selectmen, and Planning Board members to better understand the needs and hurdles to thoughtful development in South Hingham. We have also met with several of the major stakeholders in the area and will be working closely with them as they develop proposals.

Settles Glass Site (6 Station Street): In October of 2018, the HDIC was invited to participate in a "first look" at a new plan for a mixed-use project for the Settles Glass site (6 Station Street). We were encouraged by the thoughtful design and will continue to follow the vetting process. This site represents an important link to the harbor/beach shops.

Regional Economic Development: To better understand and track the economic development of our neighboring communities, the HDIC has become involved with the South Shore Coalition, a subregion of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. The SSC promotes informed and active cooperation in planning in 13 towns on the South Shore. We are also becoming more involved with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Kranzley, Chair
Michael Fisher

Brian Stack
Kevin O'Brien

Nancy Wiley
Brett Rosequist

Department Of Elder Services

"The Hingham Department of Elder Services supports the independence and ongoing personal development of Hingham's population 60 and older, advocates for their needs and works to enhance the quality of their lives."

Transportation continues to be one of the most critical services provided by the Department. Transportation provides a way for older adults to grocery shop, attend Senior Center programs, accomplish necessary errands, and get to and from medical appointments. During 2018, 5749 trips were provided to 277 individuals. These figures represented a growth 19.5% growth in the number of trips and 19% growth in the number of users.

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance not only with sorting through the myriad of programs and services, but in accessing the most appropriate services to enable an older adult to continue to live at home. On any given day, one can find an older adult, family member or friend meeting with the Outreach Coordinator to discuss medical insurance coverage; receiving assistance with the completion of various benefit applications; discussing issues of dementia and the need for services; or seeking information about housing. The Outreach Coordinator also confronts issues of elder abuse (physical, financial and emotional) and is a mandated reporter; and works closely with the Board of Health Nurse, Police and Fire on hoarding issues and self-neglect. We welcomed the addition of the ten hour a week Social Worker to the Board of Health staff and she has been of great assistance in helping us to work with individuals who are at risk.

Wellness continues to be a major focus of the Senior Center and includes a variety of fitness programs. The goal of these fitness programs is to build strength, endurance and a sense of well-being among the users. Monthly education programs addressing wellness ranged in topics from an 8-Week Weight Loss Challenge to the Influence of Color Decisions on Your Life to Matter of Balance (MOB), a falls prevention program. MOB is national evidence based program that has proven to reduce falls and the risk for falling. As a part of the falls prevention initiative, we were happy to be chosen by the Norwell VNA & Hospice to participate in a 48 week Tai Jin Quan program which is an exercise program to improve balance. Students who had participated in the MOB program since 2014 were given the opportunity to enroll in one of the 15 slots available and the program began in March. At the conclusion of 2018, those enrolled have faithfully

attended each class and were bemoaning the fact that the program would conclude in March 2019.

During 2018, the National Aging Mastery Program (AMP) was again offered at the Senior Center and brought great benefits to those who participated. During this 10-week course, enrollees learn about and participate in a comprehensive approach that helps older adults to make the most of longevity.



As outlined last year, the Department of Elder Services completed the Self-Assessment process to retain National Senior Center Accreditation. During 2018, the Application for Accreditation was completed and is expected to be submitted in early January 2019 with the goal of being awarded Accreditation in the spring of 2019.

The need for a larger Senior Center continues to be at the forefront of discussion by the Council on Aging. Data released by the Tufts Health Plan Foundation in their 2018 Massachusetts Healthy Aging Community Profile listed Hingham's 60 and older population as 27% of the town's overall population. The growth in the older adult population, programs and services, and the need for physical space that better suits the operations of the Senior Center are the driving forces behind this discussion.

The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide range of services and programs. Volunteers work in all capacities at the Senior Center from driving vans, answering telephones, teaching classes, preparing our newsletter for mailing, gardening, and various miscellaneous tasks. During 2018, 136 volunteers donated 9,699 man hours to the Senior Center. We would also like to thank the many different organizations and other Town

Departments who work with us to ensure that older adults are safe and comfortable in their own homes.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank retiring Council on Aging members Beth Rouleau and Rebecca Moffitt. Beth served on the Council on Aging for six years with the last two years in the role of Chairman. Her perspective on the changing needs of older adults brought a broader perspective to our programming. While Rebecca was only with the Council on Aging for a short-time, her prior volunteer experience in government helped us with many decisions.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director
Dawn Sibor, Chairman
Chrissy Roberts, Vice Chairman
Gail K. Faring, Treasurer
Debra Hoffman, Secretary
David Alschuler

Kristen Arute
Linda Hurley
Eleanor Letterie
Peter Nevins
Linda Powers
Deborah Sullivan



Volunteer van drivers enjoying the Appreciation Luncheon (above) and residents dressed in nautical attire for Cruise Day (below).



Energy Action Committee

Mission: To serve the residents and commercial enterprises of the Town of Hingham by helping to establish energy policies and measures that will promote the efficient use of energy and reduce adverse environmental impact, and by taking measures to increase awareness of energy issues.

Work Product: The Energy Action Committee, successor to the Energy Policy Committee, identifies, promotes, and helps implement energy savings opportunities for municipal and community-wide operations and residences, and raises energy awareness on issues of concern to Town residents.

Work Agenda: Monthly meetings; working with various Town committees, groups, and the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant on implementing energy efficiency measures; and representing the Town on energy policy issues in the broader Massachusetts community.

For the year 2018, the Committee had set as its goals the following:

- Present to Town Meeting and advocate for adoption of the Stretch Energy Code;
- Assist the Town in conducting an energy baseline of Hingham's energy use as required by the Green Communities program;
- Assist the Town in obtaining a Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) technical assistance grant to assist Hingham in its application to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to become a Green Community;
- Assist the Town in conducting and completing a five-year energy reduction plan as required by the Green Communities program; and
- Assist the Town in applying to become a Green Community.



The Committee is pleased to report that in 2018 it successfully accomplished all of these goals. In December of 2018, Hingham was designated as a Green Community and received a grant in the amount of \$142,232. In pursuing and obtaining a Green Communities designation by DOER, Committee members:

- presented to the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee on multiple occasions to provide an overview of the program, the

costs and benefits of participating in the program, and to have the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee each adopt the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy and the Energy Reduction Plan, both criteria for obtaining a Green Communities designation;

- presented to the Advisory Committee regarding the Green Communities program and worked to prepare and support a warrant article before Town Meeting for adoption of the Stretch Energy Code, a criterion required for obtaining a Green Communities designation, and where Town Meeting adopted the warrant article;
- worked with Town Administration and DOER to apply for and obtain an MAPC technical assistance grant in the amount of \$7,500 for MAPC assistance in completing the Energy Reduction Plan and applying for Green Communities status;
- worked with Town Administration on the development of the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy and the Energy Reduction Plan, and in preparing and reviewing the application process; and
- met and worked with DOER representatives throughout the process for assistance.

In addition to performing the above, Committee members participated in several meetings of Sustainable South Shore, a multi-town advocacy group south of Boston that is committed to helping area residents cut greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy, protect the environment, and live sustainable lives, and various MAPC programming.

Goals for 2019:

- Assist Town Administration in designating projects and a grant application for making use of the \$142,232 Green Communities grant;
- Identify further projects and opportunities for, and assist the Town in preparing, competitive grant applications under the Green Communities program;
- Assist Town Administration in meeting the five-year goals set forth in the Energy Reduction Plan adopted by the Town; and
- Continue to identify and advocate for renewable energy use in the Town, such as additional solar arrays akin to those installed at the West Hingham MBTA train station.

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy related matters are encouraged to contact us through energy@hingham-ma.gov

The Committee would like to express its thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administration, the Advisory Committee, the School Committee, Mr. Seth Pickering, Southeast Regional Coordinator of DOER, Ms. Nicole Sanches, Clean Energy Coordinator of MAPC, and the Departments with whom the Committee has worked over the past year, as nothing could have been accomplished without their support. The Committee would also like to thank residents Patricia Burke and Michael Reive, who have been advocates for and assisted with the Committee's work this year. Lastly, the Committee would like to express its thanks to, and acknowledge the strong support of, the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, which has advocated for and provided assistance to the Committee for many years.

Energy Action Committee Members:

Ken Brown
Scott Cyr
Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant
Mikhail (Mike) Kacherovich
Ben Kerman
Brad E. Moyer, Chair
Beth Porter
School Business Director ex-officio
Town Administrator ex-officio

Fire Station Building Committee

Established by Article 14 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the Fire Station Building Committee was originally charged with overseeing the renovation of the North and South fire stations and the construction of new fire station in the vicinity of Cushing, Whiting and Derby Streets. Upon the completion of initial site work at the North fire station, it was determined that a renovation of the existing building would not sufficiently address the emergency response needs of the Town and that the location was unsuitable for constructing a new facility that would serve the Town for a minimum of 50 years into the future.

Article 14 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting modified the Committee's charge to include identifying a new location for the North fire station. In addition, the Committee was charged with identifying a new location for the South fire station, which together with the new North station and the existing Central fire station, would allow the Town to meet its current and anticipated emergency response needs with just three fire stations.

The work of the Committee is currently on hold while the Board of Selectmen identifies and evaluates potential sites for a new North fire station, which includes consideration of the development currently underway and anticipated in that part of the Town. Once a site has been selected, our architects will finalize the design of the new station and the construction bidding process will begin, with the goal of presenting the design and a construction budget to Town Meeting at the earliest opportunity.

Our budget for site evaluation and design fees as authorized by the 2015 and 2016 Annual Town Meetings is approximately \$800,000, of which we have expended less than \$120,000 to date.

The Committee appreciates the support of the Town and thanks the many Town employees and elected and appointed officials who have worked with and supported us over the past few years. In addition, we say goodbye and thank you to Nancy MacDonald, who has resigned from the Committee, but continues to serve the Town as a member of the Advisory Committee. While our loss is the Advisory Committee's gain, we are pleased to welcome Kevin Ellis to our Committee.

Greg MacCune, Chairman
Steve Murphy, Fire Chief
Tom Carey
Kevin Ellis

Karen Griswold
Al Kearney
Mark Wilkin

Fourth of July Parade Committee

It was a sunny warm day for the 2018 Hingham July 4th parade. Although the parade starts at 10:00 am, the action starts well before that time. Parade Committee members arrive at 7:30am, floats and participants start arriving around 8am, but the chairs and spot savers along the route arrive hours and days earlier! This popular event draws in a large crowd from Hingham and neighboring towns with crowds over 25,000 people. The parade is enjoyed by all ages and creates lasting memories.

The parade is entirely self-funded through fundraising activities by the Hingham 4th of July Parade Committee! This year, more than \$40,000 was required to pay for the bands, entertainers, special acts, banners and other items, including the popular red, white, and blue road stripes along the route. A variety of fundraising events occur throughout the year and many spectators make donations the day of the parade to Hingham Rotarians, as they sell the remaining parade buttons to the spectators. Parade planning is ongoing – as soon as one ends, the next one begins.

Jim Murphy was the chairman of the Parade Committee once again, and was strongly supported by this year's committee, including Monica Conyngham, Mary Ellen Lahiff, Louis O'Dea, George Ford (Uncle Sam), Dewitt DeLawter, Cassie McDermott, Mark Everett, Gabby Roegner, Police Chief Glenn Olsson, Tom Hoffman, Maura Richards, Lynn Barclay, Jack Dean, and Jeff Lally. Parade day help included John Monz, Dan Lahiff, James O'Dea, Jack Murphy, and Jamie Roegner.

"Cheers for Hingham Volunteers" was the 2018 parade theme, partially to honor the memory of Ginny Gray, a lifelong volunteer, and a strong voice of the Parade Committee for several years. Ginny, a past grand marshal for the 1996 parade, passed away just as 2018 began.



Hingham's 5th grade students are invited to create a design for the parade button, based on the selected theme. The Parade Committee received many wonderful designs from Plymouth River School, Foster School, East School, South School, and St. Paul's School. We were pleased to see the thought that went into interpreting the theme into a button design. The designer of the 2018 Hingham July 4th Parade Button



was Alana Marsden from Foster Elementary School. As the winner, Alana received a beautiful framed plaque from Aisling Gallery of Hingham, with both her drawing and the resultant button! Alana, along with many friends and family, proudly marched in the parade.

Sales of the buttons are just one of the fundraising items for the parade that date back to 1992, when the Parade Committee was officially created, with the charge to raise the appropriate funds to pay for the 4th of July Parade. At that time, the parade had few bands, and the costs were moderate – the parade has grown significantly since the 1990's. The buttons are sold at a variety of local businesses for a donation and sell quickly. Many parade goers save parade buttons for years, to create button collections; we know of only four or five complete sets! They are also sold on the day of the parade by the Hingham Rotary Club along the parade route.

Mary Ann Blackmur was selected as this year's Parade Grand Marshal, as she epitomized the theme, Cheers for Hingham Volunteers, based on her decades of volunteer work in Hingham and across the south shore! Mary Ann, as a member of the parade committee, helped grow the parade and increased the number of bands, developed fundraisers, and oversaw Hingham's 375th year parade in 2010!



The Parade also honored the Hingham Veteran of the Year, Captain Jim Claypoole, pictured below, and the Hingham Citizen of the Year, Jane Carr.



The parade requires a lot of planning and logistics and ways to improve the experience for both participants and spectators. The most important focus for the Committee continues to be the safety of the participants and the spectators along the route! To maintain safety, groups entering floats are required to provide marshals to walk along each wheel, to keep the children from wandering near

the wheels! Each year, Police Chief Glenn Olsson and the Parade Committee ask that candy be handed out along the route and not thrown from the floats!

Another successful annual fundraiser is The Selectmen's Cup golf tournament held in May at the South Shore Country Club. This year's turnout was 100 golfers! Chris Riley, Bill Friend, Raffael's, The Greenside Grille and their staff did an excellent job at promoting, organizing, and running the event. This year's giveaway was a Parade tin with parade logo ProVI golf balls!

The Parade Committee extends their appreciation and thanks to many that made the 2018 Selectmen's Cup a big success – the various volunteers, all the players, the corporate sponsors led by AW Perry and Cambridge Savings Bank, Bristol Brothers, the Norwell VNA/Pat Roche House at Turkey Hill, and our generous donors: Chef Paul Wahlberg, South Shore County Club, The Greenside Grille, Bob Ryan, Jake's Restaurant, Jack Ryan, and the Freedom Boat Club. An additional thanks to Tom Hoffman, of the Parade Committee and main driver behind the 50 Flags Campaign, for running the mini Live Auction. This year's event generated nearly 30 percent of Parade Day costs!

The 50 Flags Campaign for the Parade continues to grow every year and is a wonderful opportunity for Hingham residents to display their support of our servicewomen and servicemen, their patriotic pride, and our annual parade.

This year, with the assistance of Keith Jermyn and several veterans, we



kicked off the campaign with a terrific exhibition in front of town hall on Memorial Day Weekend – with 383 flags on display, one for each year of Hingham’s existence! This fundraiser generates \$15,000 for the parade, while Hingham High School football team, Best Buddies group, and field hockey team provided the bulk of the labor for this tremendous effort.

The 2018 parade had a wide variety of participants from floats, bands, classic and antique cars, clowns, Scouts and sports teams. There were 28 registered floats and 13 bands spread out for the 1 and ½ hour parade. Huge thanks go out to all of the police, medical and safety staff, and DPW personnel, who keep our day safe and clean, starting with the road race and culminating with the parade, and tens of thousands of spectators!

- Most Unique: Hingham Democratic Town Meeting
- Most Beautiful: Hingham Youth Hockey Pee Wee Champions
- Most Patriotic: Hingham Little League
- Best of Parade: Hingham High School Crew



Respectfully submitted,
Jim Murphy, Chair

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

2018 was another successful year for the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall. The G.A.R. Memorial Hall was built in 1888 as a meeting hall for veterans of the Civil War. G.A.R. Memorial Hall continues that tradition by hosting the monthly meetings of The American Legion Post 120, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6053, and The Hingham Militia. It is with delight and pleasure that we continue to see men and women Veterans join in these active groups and continue to utilize the hall as originally intended.

One of the most exciting events of year for G.A.R. Hall is the Hingham High School Sophomore Class Annual American History Field Trip. The students walked from the high school to G.A.R. Hall with the History



Department teachers and staff. This year was the ninth annual event and on April 25th over three hundred students, broken into three sections, spent almost two hours each listening to Veterans from WWII to present day Afghanistan tours. The students and

guests also took time to view the uniforms, flags, and military memorabilia that is on display around the hall.

Another annual event was the lunch offered to all Veterans and their families following the Memorial Day Celebration on the Town Common.

The regularly scheduled Open House events at G.A.R. Memorial Hall, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 10 am to 2 pm, have seen hundreds of visitors pass through the hall this year. The Open House presents an unguided tour of the hall open to the general public. The G.A.R. Hall Trustees worked with the Hingham Veterans' Council to identify local Veterans that staff the hall to welcome visitors.

Several Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies were held over the course of the year where the young men achieved the highest rank within the Boy Scouts organization. The boys represented Hingham Troops 1, 4, and 52. The Cub Scouts also held some meetings at G.A.R. Hall. Packs 27, 41, and 52 all held flag folding and etiquette sessions as well as toured the hall itself. This year one of the Eagle Scouts took on the project of landscaping the hill near the parking lot to not only improve the aesthetics of the grounds but to also prevent erosion of the hill.



The G.A.R. Hall Trustees worked in conjunction with the Hingham Veterans Council to collect clothing donations with thoughts of organizing a resource for veterans in need. When the logistics of staffing such a resource did not come to fruition, the Trustees worked with the Vietnam Veterans of America to make sure all of the items went to an appropriate cause.

In efforts to continue to upgrade the functionality available at G.A.R. Memorial Hall, a new lectern was acquired with a grant from the Hingham Cultural Council.

This year the G.A.R. Hall Trustees oversaw some general maintenance tasks such as having all of the gutters cleaned, having the partition next to the front door replaced, and having a drone scan the roof for possible issues. The Trustees continue the bi-annual art preservation, restoration and maintenance of the memorabilia to insure the integrity of our G.A.R. historic collection. We extend our sincere appreciation for the budgeting support and awareness of our town's leaders in perpetuating the mission of our G.A.R. Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted by the G.A.R. Hall Trustees: Scott McMillan, Chair; Robert Beal, Jr, Treasurer; Frank Sheelen, Secretary; Veterans Service Officer Keith Jermyn, Advisor

Harbor Development Committee

Continued attention to infrastructure, access, physical improvements along the waterfront and promoting Hingham harbor related issues remained the focus of the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) in 2018.

The HDC met monthly through 2018, including one televised meeting in April. The Committee particularly targeted moving forward several town projects approved and funded by Hingham's 2015 and 2017 Annual Town Meetings (ATM). HDC is most appreciative of the extensive professional assistance provided to the Committee for its ongoing projects and proposals by Town Engineer Roger Fernandes and his able assistant Carol Costello. Selectman Paul Healey served as the Committee's Selectmen liaison and Bathing Beach Trustees Alan Perrault, Ed Johnson and Chris Daly joined us in several meetings to advance harbor matters of mutual interest, including the Bath House/Snack Shop Project and further extension of the brick harbor walkway across the 'bandstand parcel' at the south end of the Bathing Beach parcel. The Committee acknowledges with appreciation the many years of service to our mission of retiring members Ed Morris and Brian Knies.

Town Owned Wharf Repair, Restoration and Reconstruction—

Following 2015 and 2017 ATM's appropriations for structural assessment and development of detailed engineering drawings of four town owned wharves, HDC has been working with marine engineering consultants Beals & Thomas to design necessary repairs and height increases of the three prioritized wharves at Iron Horse Park, the POW/MIA memorial, the Mobil Station Property and Barnes I, against the background threat of sea level rise. This is in response to the 2014 Kleinfelder Sea Level Rise Study, funded by a Coastal Community Resilience Grant, to assess the Town's vulnerability to key infrastructure damage in the event of unusual wind and high tide events.

Initially starting with Town Pier (aka Iron Horse Park) and then with \$240,000 of additional funds voted by the 2017 ATM, in 2018 we proceeded with Phase 2 for all the wharves —preparation of detailed engineering drawings and permitting work for this project. In April, after a televised presentation by Beals and Thomas, the Committee reached conclusions on designs for each of the renovated wharves, including height, structural features and choice of materials.

After informational hearings before the Conservation Commission and the Historic Districts Commission, both of whom approved HDC's recommendations, that conclusion was also ratified by the Board of

Selectmen. The Phase 2 work will continue in 2019 with the objective of permitted designs/plans prior to the next funding cycle of the Seaport Bond Council, one source of potential grant opportunities for future funding of actual construction. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Governor's proposed FY 2020 capital budget are both considering supplemental funding for municipal sea level rise initiatives and sources for that funding.

Dredging the Inner Harbor Basin –Hingham's inner harbor basin area accumulates sand and silt over time, sand migrating from the bathing beach and silt flowing from Town Brook and alluvial tidal flows from the Home Meadows. Due to this recurring pattern, the Town has typically arranged to have the inner harbor basin dredged approximately every ten years. The basin was last dredged in 2009/2010. During 2018 the Harbormaster and Board of Selectmen engaged Foth Engineering as a dredging consultant and proceeded to develop estimates of the volume of material to be dredged for the next cycle and to conduct necessary environmental tests of the sedimentary material. Town Meeting in April 2019 will consider warrant articles for dredging the inner harbor in the winter of 2019/2020, funded in part by accumulated reserves and, hopefully, by a grant request to the Mass. Department of Economic Development.

Hingham Boat Ramp – HDC continues to advocate a new and improved boat ramp/launch/parking area for the inner harbor to replace its deteriorating predecessor. State officials from the Dept. of Marine Fisheries have acknowledged their responsibility for design and funding of these new facilities. The Public Access Board Division of Marine Fisheries retained CLE Engineering for engineering, design and permitting of the replacement ramp and float system and both HDC and the DPW have reviewed the proposed engineering design. The final design has been approved, construction documents are being produced and permitting activity has commenced. Once fully permitted, the Division and the Town will need to prevail on our legislators to urge state funding for this important infrastructure project.

New Initiatives – In June 2018 the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust granted an award of approximately \$5,000 jointly to HDC and The Bathing Beach Trustees for the design, fabrication and installation of historical interpretive signage along the harbor front. Since then a joint sub-committee has met several times to identify a clear topic-driven mission for the signage project and begin to develop a staged approach to align with further extensions of the Harbor Walkway already underway. Initial plans within the allowed funding look to three likely locations,

depicting three different periods of early commercial activity at the harbor. Further funding will be sought to continue this progress in 2019.

In April 2018, the harbor again benefitted from the second annual Harbormen Helping Hingham Day performed by HHS students as a public service. Under the direction of HDC and Bathing Beach Trustee members, and with the help of the DPW, approximately 50 high school students effected a 'coast sweep,' collecting many bags of trash and litter over large sections of the inner harbor. HDC is most appreciative of this community effort by our young citizens and looks forward to future projects with this HHS program.

Revising the Harbor Master Plan Vision – With abiding ATM votes of confidence and financial support, HDC is proceeding with a number of diverse harbor improvement initiatives as outlined above, including the revised bathhouse/snack shack under construction by the Bathing Beach Trustees. The Committee tries to balance opportunistically moving forward with individual projects as funding sources are available with the need to place such projects into the context of an overall vision for the future of Hingham's harbor. While some progress was made in 2018 on the vision picture (including a Community Preservation Act grant request at 2018's ATM for the next section of the brick harbor walkway across the front of the Bandstand Parcel), HDC is very mindful of the need to update particularly the programmatic and landscape plans of the now outdated 2007 Harbor Master Plan. We are also closely monitoring the Route 3A/Summer Street Transportation Task Force as they develop final engineering plans for the corridor since those plans will significantly impact the Harbor area. We will continue to prioritize that effort in 2019 to create the vision for the kind of harborscape and amenities that the townspeople told us they desire in a 2014 town wide survey.

William Reardon, Chairman
Deirdre Anderson, Vice Chairman
Bruce MacAloney, Secretary
Thomas Coveney
Kathleen Doran Cutler
Eric Kachel

Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio

Board of Health

The Hingham Board of Health consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of six employees: Susan Sarni, MPH, Executive Health Officer; Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse; Elizabeth Nee, Health Agent; Andrea Benedetto, Administrative Secretary; Robin Magner, Food Inspector, and Cheryl West, MSW, LCSW, Social Worker.

The Board's jurisdiction and responsibilities include such diverse activities as adult immunization clinics and emergency dispensary operations, elderly homebound health assistance, septic system installation and repair plan review and approvals, food establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement and beach testing, recycling and dumpster regulation and compliance, Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) regulation and compliance, tobacco control and compliance checks, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, Right-to-Know enforcement, Body Art licensing, Bodywork licensing, communicable disease surveillance and response, child recreational camp licensing, regulating the keeping of animals and fowl, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more. Online food permitting for food establishments was also added this year, along with new software to save time and paper processing.

The Health Department enforces the State Sanitary Code which governs how to live safely in your own home and ensuring first responders safe access. The Hoarding Task Force, which is comprised of several departments within the Town, was enhanced this fall by the hiring of a part-time Social Worker. This new position is shared among the Police, Fire, Veterans, Health, and Elder Services Departments. Compulsive hoarding is the acquisition and failure to discard a large number of possessions that appear to be useless or of limited value. The task force helps residents develop strategies to cope with a disorder that too often spirals into financial and physical hardship.

This past year, the Board updated our Tobacco Sales regulations to require an age 21 threshold for purchasing nicotine containing substances including most vaping liquids. Most do not know that nicotine is 53% more addictive than opioids, and tobacco-related ailments are the leading cause of preventable death world-wide. The Board participated in a proposed 40B housing development application located in west Hingham by providing expert testimony to the ZBA relative to groundwater nitrogen loading concerns and residential well water protection. During the year

the Board has worked steadily to modernize our 20-year-old local Supplemental Septic regulations by incorporating advanced technologies, financial assurance and improved safety into the draft document. Public hearings on these important regulations are anticipated for 2019 with the benefits of public scrutiny, critical comment, enhanced education and community consensus to the public process.

Health Department Permits

Farmers Market	34	Food Establishment.	161
Retail Food	67	Store Milk	100
Catering	11	Frozen Desserts	4
Residential F.S.	4	Mobile Food Service	15
Fat Oil & Grease	50	Septage Haulers	23
Rubbish Haulers	22	Septic Installers	43
Tanning Salons	2	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	11	Pool Constr. Permits	15
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps	14
Septic Permits	122	Variance Appl.	37
Building Permits	860	Treatment Plant	300
Soil Evaluations	36	Tobacco Sales	21
Animal Permits	14	Private Well Permits	18

Public Health Nurse. A vital role of the Public Health Nurse is the surveillance of infectious diseases that threaten our community health. The purpose of surveillance is to use information to help interrupt transmission of disease to susceptible people. When clusters of illnesses are identified, the Health Department works quickly to control and prevent its impact on the community. For example, Lyme disease is a complex human ailment that public education plays a significant role in achieving prevention. The Public Health Nurse also administers flu vaccine to those over 18 years of age. Free vaccines are given to homebound, group homes and in years of epidemic, at a town-wide public clinic. This year over 250 residents were vaccinated.

Confirmed Communicable and Reportable Diseases

Campylobacteriosis	5	Giardiasis	1
H. Influenzae	1	Hepatitis C	3
Influenza	77	Norovirus	1
Pertussis	2	Salmonellosis	3
Streptococcus	4	Tickborne	5
Tuberculosis	3		

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirk Shilts D.C., Chairman
Peter Bickford, Member

Elizabeth Eldredge M.D., Member

Hingham Cultural Council

The Hingham Cultural Council awarded \$5600.00 in FY2019 to support arts and artists in our community. Thirteen grants ranging from \$100 to \$800 were awarded. Recipients and projects include:

- Charles Shaffer, Summer Band Concert Series
- North River Arts Society, 43rd Annual Festival of the Arts
- Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries, Your Neighborhood Fireflies
- Friends of Hingham Cemetery, Dead of Winter Cultural Series
- Old Ship Candlelight Concerts Candlelight Concerts
- Foster School Parent Teacher Organization Urban Art at Foster School
- The Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild, Inc. The Massachusetts Middle School Drama Festival
- Second Parish in Hingham, 63rd Annual Arts Festival-Junior Exhibit
- Hingham Downtown Association, Hingham Arts Walk
- South Shore Art Center, 64th Annual Arts Festival
- Children's Museum in Easton, Science on the Go!
- Saturday Science Project, Saturday Science Club
- Mass Audubon's Museum of American Bird Art, Nature, Art, and Science Discovery Programming

The application process begins in September and all grants must be submitted by October 15th of the given year, for consideration. All applications must be submitted online at www.mass-culture.org, and local preference is given to projects that directly impact residents of Hingham.

Respectfully,

Janine Suchecki, Chair
Leah Godfrey, Vice Chair
Patricia Coyle, Public Affairs Officer
Jane Shute, Secretary
Tricia Byrnes, Member
Jean Roberts, Member

Hingham Housing Authority

It is the mission of the Hingham Housing Authority to not only provide and preserve affordable, quality, safe and sanitary housing for very low to moderate income individuals and families, but to deliver services to the population with integrity and mutual accountability. It is the goal of the authority to foster trusting relationships with those we serve as the basis for economic self-sufficiency whenever possible.

The Board of Commissioners is committed to preservation of affordable housing, improving the quality of life for the population we serve, and development of affordable housing in permanency to meet continuing needs.

The Authority owns and operates state aided public housing at Thaxter Park:

- 78 one-bedroom apartments (c.667), housing for seniors 60+ or disabled meeting certain income guidelines
- 8 family apartments (c.705), for income-eligible families
- 6 congregate units under the Supportive Senior Housing Initiative program providing housing and services in collaboration with South Shore Elder Services.

We currently have over 600 applicants on our waiting lists.

Our management portfolio includes:

- 14 units of c. 689 housing for individuals with disabilities, a partnership with the Department of Mental Health
- 25 Housing Choice vouchers, a federal rent subsidy program for low-income families
- 5 Project Based vouchers attached to the Captain Anderson house for homeless Hingham veterans.
- A single family affordable home on Scotland Street purchased with Community Preservation funds in 2007.
- 15.4 acre lot on Beal Street

Projects and programs implemented:

- Turnover and rehab of nine apartments
- Addition of four visitor parking spaces out back
- Implementation of a dedicated work order call in line, streamlining work order requests and resulting in shorter turnaround times of those requests

- Collaboration of a program with the Launch group to assist in cleaning common areas and grounds
- Security system installed to ensure the safety of our residents and employees

We are pleased to report that we received a \$35,000 sustainability grant for new boilers at Thaxter Park and a \$34,500 grant awarded to our service provider, Bay State Community Services, from the Hingham Congregational Church, for kitchen renovations at our group home at 100 Beal Street.

We would like to thank Kathy Glenzel, Elder Services Outreach Coordinator, DPW maintenance staff, Building Department personnel and the entire Police and Fire Departments for all of their assistance.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Director and her staff, Margie, Colleen, Sandy, Kevin and Mike for their dedication day in and day out to the population we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Napier, Executive Director
Robert Keyes, Chairman & Treasurer
Irma Lauter, State Appointee
James R. Watson, Vice Chairman
Megan Buhr, Commissioner
Greg O'Meara, Commissioner

*In memory of Mildred Laura Naun
June 26, 1916 to November 20, 2018*



Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) department is responsible for supporting all municipal departments across 16 locations with the exception of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant. The department provides strategic direction for and management of the Town's technology resources.

The department includes two full-time positions which includes the Manager of Information Systems and the Systems Analyst along with a part-time Network Technician. The Town's Information Technology staff supports the School Administration offices, supports the School department's VoIP telephone system, and works closely with the School department's Information Technology staff.

The department provides centralized management of network infrastructure, servers, storage, backup, VoIP telephone communications system, workstation/peripheral/mobile devices, and security systems. Application support includes the Town's financial/human resources management, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Assessor's parcel database, Microsoft Exchange email, licensing/permitting databases, and cloud services. This includes procurement, installation, configuration, maintenance, removal and disposal of any related technology.

The department is responsible for the Town's website including updates, enhancements and content management system (CMS) administration as well as administration of the Town's various social media websites.

2018 Accomplishments

- Procured a \$28,573 State grant in 2017 as part of the Community Compact Agreement for a cyber security assessment which included network penetration testing, web application testing, and end user training during 2018.
- Procured a \$16,000 State grant as part of an IT Technology regional grant in 2017 with eight other municipalities for a flyover to create orthographic images for use with our GIS system. The imagery was acquired in December 2018 and is now being incorporated into our GIS system.
- Expanded our Storage Area Network (SAN) to a total of 30 TB (Terabytes) of usable storage.
- Implemented new firewall at Town Hall.

- Migrated remote building connectivity from old core switch to a new core switch. In process of migrating connections from 1 Gbps to 10 Gbps.
- Implemented security cameras in the Town Hall.
- Implemented new firewall and internet source at South Shore Country Club.
- Upgrading servers to Windows Server 2016 (in process).
- Upgrading desktops from Windows 7 to Windows 10 (in process).

All Town websites at www.hingham-ma.gov, www.hinghamlibrary.org, www.hpd.org, and www.southshorecc.com are now securely encrypted via Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS).

Upgraded servers with the following applications:

- Vision Appraisal (Assessors)
- Tyler Content Manager Document Management
- Tyler Dashboard

Created the following database applications:

- Online Burning Permits
- Bare Cove Park Dog permits
- Public Records Tracking
- Police Department Special Needs Registry

The Information Technology department is looking forward to 2019 and its continued cooperative effort with all municipal departments to increase the way technology assists departments and increase their efficiency.

I wish to thank the Information Technology staff, Kate Richardsson and our newest employee Joe Lindsay, for their dedicated service.

Steve Becker, Manager of Information Systems

Massport Community Advisory Committee

The Massport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was created in 2014 by the Massachusetts Legislature in the amended 1956 Enabling Act that established Massport, to represent the interests of the communities impacted by Massport's operations. Its members represent nearly 30 communities that surround Boston's Logan Airport. The Massport CAC has an active website, <http://massportcac.org>, where residents can reference all of the CAC meeting notes, related news and events, and useful links including the Massport online noise complaint filing website.

The primary focus of the **Boston Logan Airport Noise Study** is to determine viable means to reduce noise from aircraft operations at, to and from Boston Logan International Airport without diminishing airport safety and efficiency. Currently, participation primarily consists of FAA, Massport, and local government appointed members of CAC who strive to:

1. keep you informed on current progress,
2. provide you access to information used by the three parties for decision-making, and
3. give you a means to contact a representative to share your concerns and seek answers to questions.

The FAA's RNAV Study Block 1 briefing presentation has been posted to the MassportCAC.org Library in the RNAV Study Documents section.

The Noise Abatement Office at Logan International Airport "is responsible for implementing noise abatement measures and generally monitoring community complaints and other aspects of noise effects from Logan Airport Operations." The noise report line number is 617-561-3333. In 2018, the Town of Hingham logged 14 complaints to the Massport Noise Abatement Office that were reported by seven callers. This is a dramatic decrease from the 67 complaints that were reported by 27 callers in 2017. A complete listing of the complaints placed by each town may be found at <http://www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/noise-abatement/complaints-by-towns/>

It is important for the town of Hingham to continue to be vigilant in logging complaints in order to be heard and to stay aware of the progress of these studies and how they may affect our community.

Katie McBrine, Hingham Representative to MassportCAC

Memorial Bell Tower Committee

The Memorial Bell Tower Committee is comprised of six volunteers dedicated to keeping the tradition of a functioning Bell Tower alive and well in Hingham. Committee members are available to meet as needed and are responsible for ringing the Bells.

The restoration/upgrade of the ten swinging bells continues. Last Town meeting approved funds from CPC, and the Historical Commission voted to grant funds from the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust. These grants will fund restoration of bells 1, 2, 6 and 8. We are hopeful that Town meeting this year will approve the recommended CPC funds to restore and upgrade the remaining six bells, numbers 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10. The bells are over 100 years old and this work will replace all wooden parts as well as install modern ball bearings on the headstocks and the clappers. The new bearings will greatly improve the ease and handling of the bells.



Last year, the Tower received visits from both English and American ringers. The Hingham ringers generally join in the ringing and on their own, the guests carry out highly sophisticated methods that are a wonder to hear. Our band continues to grow as new ringers learn the ancient and difficult task of English Change Ringing. We generally ring on Saturday mornings at 9:30 and welcome visitors in the ringing room. And if you desire, you can have a pull on a rope.

Michael Shilhan
Ringer

Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2018.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the town of Cohasset. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2018 efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. The Project ground and aerial larvicided 15,600 acres and this was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 4th, 2018 and ended on September 7th, 2018. The Project responded to 16,758 requests for spraying and larval checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health has developed an "Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan" for the state. The Plan creates a system which estimates the human risk for contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile using several factors including the number of infected mosquitoes. Based on guidelines defined by the Plan, all towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project were at the "Low Level Risk" for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. We are pleased to report that in 2018 there were no human, or horse EEE cases in the district. There was one detection of EEEV in the mosquito population.

West Nile Virus activity was widespread throughout the state and the district. In 2018, Massachusetts saw record number human cases for the disease. Statewide there were 44 human cases, and 2 cases were in the district. Virus was found in mosquitoes 33 times in the district from the following towns: Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Cohasset, Halifax, Kingston, Lakeville, Middleborough, Rockland, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. On August 21st 2018, Massachusetts DPH took the unusual step of raising the risk level for the whole state to moderate risk. The Project responded to the increased risk by conducting additional adulticiding in areas we identified as being at higher risk for human infections. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 51,959 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website.

In conjunction with the MDPH we have been monitoring *Aedes albopictus* expansion in the state. *Ae. albopictus* is an introduced mosquito that has the potential to become a serious pest and a vector of disease. The mosquito has been present in the Massachusetts since 2009. The larvae live in containers and are closely linked with human activity. They are especially associated with used tires. We expanded our surveillance for *Ae. albopictus* to 13 sites. This year we did not detect the mosquito. The Project began a tire recycling program in October 2017. During the 2018 season we recycled 3,320 tires bringing us to a total of 6,690 tires for the program.

The figures specific to the town of Hingham are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Hingham residents.

Insecticide Applications: Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. In Hingham 80 larval sites were checked.

During the summer 2,749 catch basins were treated in Hingham to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our staff treated 194 acres using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Water Management: During 2018 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,220 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito production. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Mosquito Survey: Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Coquilleltidia peturbans* and *Oc. canadensis*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Cx. species*, *Cq. peturbans* and *Oc. excrucians*.

Education and Outreach: We continue to reach out to residents in a variety of ways. This year we updated our web site. The website includes web pages for meetings and the annual budget. It also includes educational handouts to provide more information and better describe all the Project's services.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.org or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Stephen Gillett, Superintendent

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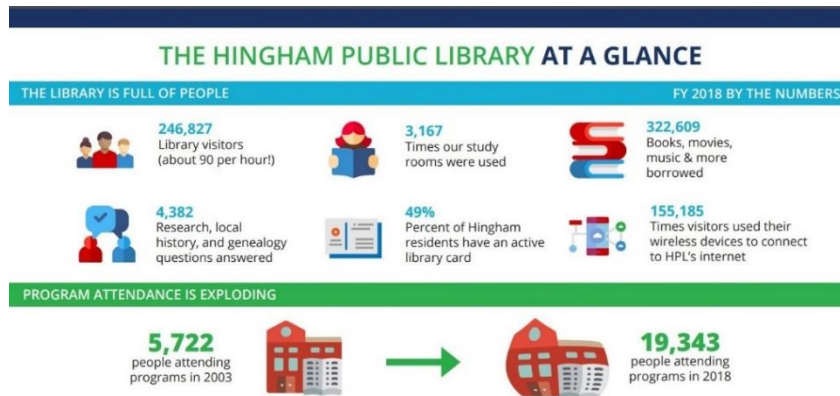
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Hingham Public Library

The Hingham Public Library continues to be as busy as ever, a bustling hub of activity in the community that offers a large and diverse number of programs, events, services and materials to people of all ages. The library offers a wide range of materials to borrow, such as books, ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, puzzles, artwork, technology devices and online resources, in addition to providing technology training and one-on-one help, story times, craft nights, author talks, and educational and entertaining programs and classes for people of all ages and interests. I encourage you to visit the library to see what's new, and to check out our monthly newsletter online at www.hinghamlibrary.org to see all that we have to offer.

To get a sense of how busy we've been, in 2018:



Designed by Katie Sutton

- patrons borrowed over 322,000 items including books, movies and music;
- over 77,000 items were sent and received through inter-library loans with other libraries in the Old Colony Library Network and throughout the state;
- over 19,000 children, teens, and adults attended over 820 library sponsored lectures and programs;
- more than 246,000 people walked through our doors, averaging nearly 1,000 people per day;
- over 4,000 research, local history, and genealogy questions were answered;
- and over 155,000 times patrons used their wireless devices to connect to the internet.

Some of the highlights of 2018 include a special lecture event, "Art & Revolution: The Predicament of John Singleton Copley," featuring Jane Kamensky, author of the award-winning book *A Revolution in Color* and historian and director of the Schlesinger Library at Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. The event was the second in a series of annual author talks generously sponsored by the Harold and Avis Goldstein Lecture Series, and was held at Derby Academy, which generously donated the venue for this event.

Another highlight of 2018 included receiving a provisional grant award of \$9.1 million offered through the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) which provides financial and technical assistance to municipalities for planning, design, improvement and expansion of their public library facilities, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Although the Selectmen and Trustees have decided not to pursue this opportunity at this time due to other potential impending town capital projects, the grant award was nevertheless a great accomplishment and result of years of hard work by the Library's Board of Trustees chaired by David Mehegan, the Future's Task Force chaired by Ed Boylan, numerous library staff, architect Peter Byerly of Beacon Architectural Associates, and town Project Manager Roger Fernandes. Many thanks to all for your commendable dedication and hard work.

In 2018 the Children's Department offered a number of fun and educational programs, including weekly story times, Olympic-themed vacation week activities, Chinese New Year celebrations, a Lego Design Challenge, Dance Along offered by Hingham resident Tracy Durso, a Music Together Demonstration class offered by the South Shore Conservatory, a Pop-Up-Art program featuring artist AJ Fosik, a Touch-A-Truck day (thanks to the staff at the Department of Public Works for their time and equipment), Saturday Science sessions on space, dinosaurs, soundwaves, circuits, water and gravity taught by The Science Moms, a Read to a Dog program offered every Saturday morning, and numerous other programs, crafts, and events for children of all ages. Many thanks to Children's Librarian Totsie McGonagle and Teen Librarian Meghan McCusker for working so hard to provide exceptional learning and literacy opportunities throughout the year!

A popular outreach program has also been offered throughout the year at Linden Ponds. Technology Librarian Robby St. John, along with various staff members, visits Linden Ponds once a month to let the residents know about all the services and materials that the Library has to offer, does Library card sign-ups, and offers various technology assistance, class and

one-on-one educational opportunities. Thanks, Robby, for your expertise and wonderful teaching skills!

There were also many interesting displays to see in the Library, including an exhibit, "Winter in Hingham," curated by our Local History and Reference Librarian, Michael Achille, that included many images of and information about Hingham throughout the years during the winter season, and monthly books displays created by library staff Carol Lipsett and Jenn Kyle on various topics such as DIY, gardening, art, travel, oversized books, and staff picks:



Carol and Jenn also used their many artistic, creative and organizational talents to offer a number of popular craft nights, such as a wooden snowman craft, book earrings, a plant and seed swap, succulent terrariums, bee houses, dream big paint night, and many others.

Another fun event is the monthly library book club, Books On Tap, created and organized by Teen Librarian Meghan McCusker and Library Technician Jenn Kyle. Meghan and Jenn pick a book and host an off-site book club at a local restaurant that is open to the public. Thanks to the Liberty Tavern in Hingham who hosted many of the Books On Tap events throughout 2018, and more recently to Not Your Average Joes in Norwell for hosting, and of course to Meghan and Jenn for running such a popular and successful book club!

Through our corps of dedicated volunteers, the Library also continues to offer popular services, such as Home Delivery to those who are physically unable to visit in person, and opportunities to purchase used and donated books daily from the Library's Bookstore or seasonally through "Booktique" book sales. With nearly 100 volunteers who last year donated over 5,300

hours of their time, we cannot thank you all enough for your time, efforts, and talents. Although too numerous to mention here, you all help to make the library the special place that it is. A few special thanks are in order: many thanks to volunteer Adrienne Richardson, who manages the bookstore, to Marcia Sinclair for putting together such wonderful book sale lobby displays, to Jean McGeary, who manages the Home Delivery program, and to Jim Macedo for managing the shelf reading program. And thanks to the hard work and dedication of Library Technician Ann Fickenwirth who manages and coordinates this very successful Volunteer Program at the library.

In closing, there are many individuals who help to make this such a wonderful Library and community resource. Thanks to Business Administrator Joan Allen for her steadfast attention to detail, organizational skills, and hard-work, Assistant Director Anna Byrne for unfailingly and unflinchingly handling whatever comes her way, Collection Development Librarian Peter Thornell for his outstanding book, movie and music recommendations and selections, Jill Blair for making sure new materials are out on the shelves without delay for the enjoyment of our patrons, Alex Gomez for his excellent graphic design skills and prodigious efforts to make the monthly newsletter so appealing, Elizabeth Fetsko for managing the new game and puzzle collections, Mary Beth Keif for expertly managing the day-to-day operations of the very busy Circulation Department, Kevin Jenkins and the entire custodial staff for keeping the building clean, safe and in good working order every day, Janice O'Hearn who retired early in 2018 after many years of friendly and helpful service, and to all the Library staff, volunteers, and Trustees for all they do every day to make this such a special place. We are deeply appreciative of all that they do for the Library and the community.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Mehegan, Chairman of the Board
Linda Harper, Library Director

From L to R: Senior Library Technician Janice MacDonald, Library Technician Janice O'Hearn (retired), Circulation Supervisor Mary Beth Keif



Hingham Public Schools

The Hingham Public Schools enjoyed a year of outstanding accomplishments, exciting innovations and planning for future transitions. The Commonwealth recognized Plymouth River School and South School for exemplary student achievement for a second time. Computer science programming and digital literacy curriculums were launched. High School students continued to excel in the classroom by besting state averages on all metrics, winning athletic championships, music and art competitions, and graduating with high achievements and varied accomplishments. The School Committee prepared for Dr. Galo's retirement with a thorough and successful search process to identify her successor.

As of October 1, 2018, there were 4,169 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) in the Hingham Public Schools, about 64 less than on October 1, 2017. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 75 pre-school students in the Integrated Preschool program, 48 out-of-district special education students, and five vocational students.

Operational and leadership changes for Fall 2018 included the appointments of Principal Elizabeth Wilcox, Ed.D., at the William L. Foster School; Suzanne Vinnes, Ed.D., as Director of Student Services; and Carols Florian as METCO Director.

The 2018 Town Election added two new members to the School Committee when Libby Lewiecki and Kerry Ni were elected to replace single term members Cynthia Galko and Aylene Calnan. In May 2018, Michelle Ayer, Liza O'Reilly, and Kay Praschma were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively.

The Annual School Department Operating Budget for fiscal year 2019 (school year 2018-2019) was approved at the April 2018 Town Meeting at \$52,006,697; another \$1,023,962 was appropriated for Capital Projects. Town Meeting appropriated an amount (not in excess of \$60,000) to assess and provide design services for the replacement of the glass block windows at the high school gymnasium. The resulting bid for the work, in the amount of \$478,400, has been awarded to GVW, Inc. of East Boston. Construction funding will be requested as part of the 2019 Town Meeting warrant.

Academically, Hingham students demonstrated strong performance with above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2018 Next-

Generation and Legacy MCAS. The percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations in both ELA and mathematics is strong across grades 3-8. In grade 10, 98% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in English Language Arts (ELA), 92% in math, and 92% in science. All members of the class of 2018 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math, and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. The Massachusetts Accountability system has rated each school relative to other schools with a similar grade-span. Based on 2018 performance, Hingham High School (HHS) performed as well, or better than, 94% of high schools across the Commonwealth. Accountability percentile scores were as follows for all other schools: Hingham Middle School (80th), East Elementary (95th), Plymouth River Elementary (95th), South Elementary (98th), and Foster Elementary (99th).

On Saturday, June 2, 2018, 324 students graduated from Hingham High School. In addition to a diploma, 45 members of the class received the Global Competency Certificate. Through interdisciplinary academic study, community service and international travel, these graduates demonstrated increased global awareness, a heightened appreciation of diversity, and a capacity to work and contribute in an increasingly interconnected world. Of all graduates, 90.7% will go on to four-year colleges located in 31 different states and three foreign countries, 3.7% will attend specialized or two-year institutions; 1.6% will attend post-graduate programs or take a gap year; and 3.7% will begin full-time employment. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2018 include 10 National Merit commended students, 1 National Merit Scholarship semifinalist who went on to be a finalist, 102 Advanced Placement Scholars (40 scholars, 23 scholars with honor, 33 scholars with distinction, 5 national scholars, and 1 international scholar), and 88 members inducted into the National Honor Society.

Hingham High School students continue to have the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive program of extracurricular activities including a new Climate Committee, a student group dedicated to strengthening a positive school culture. In April 2018, the Climate Committee held its second annual "Harbormen Helping Hingham Day," which inspired more than 95% of HHS seniors to spend a full day engaged in community service projects around town. Competitive extracurricular activities include Mock Trial, Debate, Quiz Bowl, Math Team and Robotics. The Quiz Bowl team participated for the ninth straight year in WGBH's High School Quiz Show. The HHS Student Council, one of the largest groups in the school and one of the largest councils in the state, was once again awarded the Gold Medal as a Student Council of Excellence in Massachusetts.

Hingham High School Athletics enjoyed continued success in 2018. 972 student-athletes participated in at least one sport equaling 78% of the overall student population. HHS teams won ten Patriot League Championships (Girls' Track, Girls' Tennis, Boys' Tennis, Girls' Skiing, Wrestling, Boys' Basketball, Volleyball, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Cross Country and Boys' Golf). Girls' Skiing, Girls' Track Relay and Novice Girls Crew all finished their seasons as State Champions. Wrestling's league title was the team's sixth consecutive championship. The Volleyball team won the first championship in school history. Hingham High School finished in second place in the prestigious Dalton Award standings as awarded by the Boston Globe.

Hingham students again excelled with strong performances in the visual and performing arts as demonstrated in building and district-wide concerts and in local and regional music and art competitions. The annual all-town art show continued in its Town Hall location in Spring 2018; the multi-day event featured the work of students from all six schools. Drama students continue to captivate audiences with their productions of high school students performing *I Remember Momma* in the spring and the musical *Urinetown* in the fall and with middle school students performing *Legally Blonde*. The instrumental music and choral programs continue to thrive and provide engaging opportunities for HPS students to apply their talents across a multitude of settings.

The four elementary schools continue to enhance curriculum and instruction in literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives. In English Language Arts (ELA), the third year of implementation of the new literacy program, Journeys, progressed across all grades and schools. In mathematics, HPS specialists and teachers continue to incorporate Number Talks and a Math Workshop model across all classrooms. In both ELA and mathematics, work continues to fine-tune our instruction to meet the new 2017 MA Curriculum Frameworks guidelines. The work to bring Computer Science to all students has materialized with the introduction of Elementary CS Immersion classrooms across all schools K-5, as well as expanded STEM opportunities in grades 7 and 8.

Last summer, the Special Education Department transitioned to a new Director of Student Services, Suzanne Vinnes, Ed.D., and a program evaluation of the Hingham Middle School Special Education program was completed. The department continues to find ways to fully engage families in the IEP development process, as well as offer a renewed focus on instructional practices. The district continues to revise and refine new

procedures to align with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The district has initiated a concerted effort to ensure a multi-tiered approach to supporting the social and emotional needs of students across the district. The work began last year in partnership with the Boston University School of Education by surveying faculty, students (grades 4-12), and parents to help inform district-wide work in this area. Once surveys were complete, the district began reviewing curriculum programs, as well as intervention materials, to support the social and emotional development of our students. Pilot screenings have been completed and intervention groups have rolled out across the district. Further, our new social and emotional learning program, ToolBox, has begun implementation across all schools in grades K-5.

In mid-September 2018, the School Committee met in a Planning Session to establish goals and priorities for the upcoming FY 20 budget season. The School Committee reviewed the five-year vision and discussed budget priorities for FY 20 including a Human Resource Director and support person for the District as well as needs for website redevelopment and enhanced district communications. Tuition and fees for Full Day Kindergarten, Kids In Action and the Preschool were increased to reflect cost of living adjustments for each program. Subsequent to discussion of district needs and priorities at that meeting, Budget Guidelines were initiated and approved by the School Committee. In December 2018, the School Administration developed a "level services budget" that addressed structural deficits, mandates, and level services of the District. At the time of this writing, the Administration is in the process of refinement of a FY 20 Operating Budget for consideration by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory Committee's recommendation of an Operating Budget figure to the 2019 Annual Town Meeting for its action.

The Long Range Planning Committee has been reviewing facilities needs through the year and is completing an updated, successor Master Plan to the 2005 plan. At the same time, the district contracted with NESDEC to complete an independent enrollment projection that will be part of the new Master Plan and a required component of any work with the MSBA on a Foster School project. In 2017, Town Meeting approved the formation of a Foster School Building Committee and feasibility money to study the school pending acceptance into the Massachusetts School Building Authority Core Program. The first Statement of Interest that was submitted in Spring 2017 was not selected and a second one was advanced in Spring 2018. In the fall, the School Department was notified

that the second Statement of Interest was not selected by the Massachusetts School Building Authority for funding in this cycle. The School Department was encouraged by the MSBA to re-apply in Spring of 2019 and votes by the School Committee and Board of Selectmen have taken place authorizing the School Department to file a new SOI for 2019.

In the early summer of 2018, the School Committee began planning the search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Dorothy Galo upon her retirement in July 2019. Dr. Galo's tenure spans 56 years of service with Hingham Public Schools, the past 18 of which have been as superintendent. The School Committee sent out a request for proposal to several search firms, interviewed those that responded, and ultimately selected NESDEC (The New England School Development Council) to assist and provide guidance for an extensive nationwide superintendent search. The process led the School Committee to formulate a Successful Candidate Profile through interviews and focus groups with the community, school leadership, teachers, and other staff. There were multiple events allowing all to participate. A 15-member screening committee representing the community, PTOs, SEPAC, Town, teachers, school leadership and the School Committee was established to review applications, interview candidates, and reduce the pool to finalist candidates in November 2018. Four semi-finalists were selected and in December they each spent an entire day in Hingham being interviewed by parents, teachers, staff, school leadership, and Town officials. Their day culminated in the evening with an open, publicly televised interview with the School Committee. As the last step in the process, three of the four finalists were selected for site visits which occurred in early January 2019. Site visit teams included School Committee members, school leadership and teachers. Later that month the School Committee selected Paul W. Austin, Jr., Ph.D., currently Superintendent of Schools for Regional School Unit #3 in Waldo County, Maine. Dr. Austin will assume the Superintendent duties in July 2019.

Again in 2018, the Hingham Public Schools continued to benefit from strong and long-standing community partnerships. The cooperative efforts, volunteerism, and generosity of parents, PTOs, booster and other community groups, civic organizations, SEPAC, the Hingham Education Foundation, and the Hingham Sports Partnership have again supported the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving both short and long-term goals. Myriad graduation scholarships and awards were presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and

appreciate the many community efforts that serve to enhance the excellent facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

School Committee and staff appreciation goes again to the citizenry and voters of the Town for their ongoing support and financing of annual education budgets and facilities enhancement projects. Equally important to students of all ages is the support for school activities, student performances and other achievements that Hingham residents provide. Thank you, Hingham!

DOROTHY GALO, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Recreation Commission

The Hingham Recreation Commission oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. It is a five member elected board committed to providing high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintaining safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. It is the mission of the Recreation Department to offer programs, activities, and opportunities which assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Community has always and will continue to be the primary focus of the Hingham Recreation Department. Both the Commission and the Rec staff develop and implement programs and activities that they feel best serve the residents of Hingham. An important part of determining which programs to make available is to make certain there is a "something for everyone" attitude included in the development process. Every year the Rec attempts to maximize the use of its multiple locations and amenities. The Recreation Center, located in Town Hall, comprises a gymnasium, game room, two studios and the Fitness Center. The outdoor facilities include playgrounds, a street hockey rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and soccer and baseball fields. Additionally, over the course of the year, the Rec makes use of the "Rec Barn" located at 341 Main Street, the "Skatehouse" located at 405 East Street and the SSCC pool, tennis courts and greenspace for various programs and activities.

In programming terms, 2018 was a hugely successful year for the Hingham Recreation Department. This year, the Rec began an array of adult-focused activities entitled: "Lifelong Programs" which included Pickleball, a Walking Club, Tai Chi, Archery, Harbor Hoops Basketball and special events on select Fridays. The Rec continued hosting Adult fitness classes throughout 2018 offering Mad Dog Spinning, Boot Camps, Zumba and Yoga. In the summer, the Rec expanded its fitness class offerings to include Yoga and Zumba classes at picturesque Hingham Harbor. The Rec also continued its Puppy Kindergarten Training as well as its Basic Manners for Dogs.

For school-aged children, the Rec once again hosted smaller class programs including: Archery, Skateboarding, Baby-sitting Training, Home Alone Safety, Flag Rugby, Taekwondo, Basketball Fundamentals and Golf. Larger programs including Hingham Youth Tennis and Hingham Youth Field Hockey both saw more than 150 registered participants. In 2018 the Rec partnered with Coach Pat O'Connor to begin Hingham Youth Track and Field which saw more than 25 participants in its first season.

Additionally, periodic Friday Night Events provided a fun active night-out for students as well as a much needed break for parents on a Friday night with themes like "Harry Potter" and "Space Adventures" to help add some creative fun.

For preschool-aged children, programs like Dance Along, Mini-Multi Sport, Hingham Youth Tennis and Kid Kickers Soccer returned as popular offerings. Additionally, Winter Indoor Playground, Rec Child Care and Mommy's Morning Out provided great opportunities for parents looking for help and activities for children five and under.

Seasonal events, including the Halloween costume party and an Easter egg hunt, were also extended to the Hingham Community in 2018.

The summer of 2018 saw another season of excellent, high-quality, affordable Rec programming for town residents. Our summer staff worked diligently to design a new and exciting line-up of shows, trips and activities for the 2018 summer including sports and dance workshops and trips to Timber Lanes, the Franklin Park Zoo, the Hanover U and Carousel Family



Fun Center. For the older "Teen Xtreme" crowd, trips to Six Flags Amusement Park, Deerfield River Portage, Canobie Lake, and Challenge Rocks were big hits with the Middle School-aged students.

Once again, the Rec utilized its studio space located in the Rec Barn to expand the summer program offerings both as a home for Playground and Preschool camps games and activities. Additionally, the "Rec Barn" was used to host special events like Lego camps, American Girl Doll camps and yoga classes. Combining the Preschool, Playground, and Teen Xtreme programs, the Rec Department enrolled over 2200 participants.

In 2018, the Rec continued its partnership with the SSCC to continue its tennis and golf programs as well as running its second year of the South Shore Country Club Sports Experience Summer Camp which enrolled more than 500 children. The Summer of 2018 also saw the second successful year of Hingham Rec's management of the Town pool located at the SSCC. Under Rec directorship, Open Swim, swimming lessons and swim team continued to flourish.

2018 marked the fourth year of the "Funky Feet" dance program partnership with the Hingham Rec. In May, the program held its fourth recital at the middle school auditorium. Over 600 dancers, ages 3-18 and older than 18 (Adult Dance Class) participated, and more than 2,000 Hingham residents were in attendance to watch the performances over one weekend! The



growing year-long dance program utilized studio space both at the Town Hall location as well as in the Rec Barn. The Rec added two "Holiday" performances in December at the Middle School. Additionally, also in December, the Funky Feet School of Dance held its 6th "Funky Nutcracker" dance performance at the Middle School.

"Hingham Rec Paddle Sport" had its fourth full summer season in 2018. This program made it possible for the public to rent out paddleboards and kayaks at very affordable rates. This program gave people, with varying paddle sport experience, the opportunity to experience something new and fun at Hingham Harbor during the hot summer months, while keeping cool on the water. We were able to incorporate our kayaks and boards with our Teen Xtreme program giving them a local destination for weekly outings.

July 4th, 2018 marked the 60th continuous running of the Hingham Road Race. One of the region's oldest footraces, this premier event starts our Independence Day celebrations and is one of the town's richest traditions thanks to Hingham Striders who cultivated this growing race and reshaped it into how we know it today. Because of their entrepreneurial innovation, dedication to community and sustainable fundraising legacy, race proceeds continue to generate seed money to subsidize quality, affordable programs, finance special events, and purchase capital equipment for the Striders Fitness Room. Also, race proceeds have contributed to the Rec Center's game room and office, field maintenance improvements and provided Summer Program scholarships based on need at no cost to the taxpayer. Proceeds also generate fee revenues, offset operational and overhead costs, and pay for services provided by the Rec. The Recreation

Department would like to thank all those who make this annual race possible.

2018 marked the first full year of Hingham Rec organizing and managing the "East Explorers" afterschool program for students enrolled at East School. This afterschool program offered a range of courses for students in kindergarten through 5th grade from drama, to basketball, to gym hockey, to skateboarding, to crafts, to cake decorating, and to new offerings like Engineering-Robotics and Engineering-Roller Coasters.

New changes and expansions to programs and facilities are always a top priority for the Hingham Recreation Commission. Day in and day out, we strive to be the best that we can possibly be. Without our staff and the support from the community, it would be impossible for us to run and offer all that we do. A big thank you, to all that made 2018 a year to remember.

Recreation Commissioners:

Vicki Donlan, Chair
Bruce Thompson, Vice Chair
Adrienne Ramsey, Secretary
Sarah Melia
Nandita Scott

Recreation Department Staff:

Mark Thorell, Recreation Director
Kathy Walsh, Administrative Secretary
Mike Benard, Program Administrator
Christina Macdonald, Program Administrator

Route 3A Task Force Committee

The Route 3A Task Force is an advisory group consisting of five citizens appointed by the Board of Selectmen on June 22, 2017. The 3A Task Force provides a forum for public discussion and presentation during design development for the Route 3A/Summer Street/Rockland Street corridor improvement project. The group reports back to the Hingham Board of Selectmen periodically, working with the guidance and thru the Town of Hingham Engineering Department. As a proxy to Hingham residents, the Task Force receives questions and concerns regarding the design and also assists in the collaboration with neighboring communities. With consideration to overlapping interests, the Task Force also updates and informs the Harbor Development Committee and the Trustees of the Bathing Beach.

Subject:

For a number of years, public safety and transportation-related issues along stretches of Route 3A/Summer Street/Rockland Street roadway have strained residents of Hingham and neighboring communities, especially those who live along sections of the state-owned roadway. We recognize those concerns and have been working diligently over the last two years with state highway officials and regional planning agencies to address the issues. Starting in September of 2013 and then again in October of 2014 the Town of Hingham petitioned for assistance under the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), specifically with the intent to be considered for a "Subregional Priority Roadway Study". The Town was selected for the study which served as the catalyst and basis for the work undertaken to date. The limits of the proposed work will extend along Route 3A, starting at the intersection of Broad Cove and Otis St. and extending thru to the intersection of Rockland Street/Summer Street/George Washington Boulevard.

Primary Concerns: Over 40% of accidents here result in injury, on average.

Please see the Summer Street/George Washington Boulevard Sub-regional Priority Roadway Study results on the following page.

Based on the CTPS STUDY DATED February 18, 2016
Summer Street/George Washington Boulevard Sub-regional Priority Roadway Study
in Hingham and Hull

2008-2012	Crashes	With Injury (fatality)	Avg.
Summer St. & Steamboat Ln	16	9	56%
Summer St. & Martins	18	5	28%
Muzzis Corner (GW Blvd and Rockland St.	15	6 (1)	40%
East of Rotary to Rockland Overall	56	23	41%
Rotary	49	15	31%
North St. Intersection	46	8	17%
West of Rotary to North St Overall	105	24	23%

Since late 2014 the Town of Hingham, through its Engineering Department, has been involved in an ongoing collaborative effort with Regional Community Leaders, Massachusetts Department of Transportation & Executive Office of Transportation, Traffic Engineers, Civil Engineers, Project Mangers, Planners & Operations and Maintenance Professionals and Public Safety (Police & Fire Departments from Cohasset, Hull & Hingham) along with DCI (Design Consultants Inc.) Engineering, the firm hired by the Town.

Early on, given the strong regional benefit of this project, the 3A Task Force invited and included the Towns of Hull and Cohasset to participate.

Objective:

The final result would be a series of proposed improvements for sections of the corridor under study. Together, the proposed improvements provide a vision for the corridor to operate safely, efficiently, and sufficiently for all users of different transportation modes.

Primary Design Goals:

Lane reductions & addition of medians (referred to as a road diet) to optimize street space for the benefit all users:

- By reducing speeds
- By improving safety and comfort for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- By reducing severity of accidents

Additionally, the length of the project offers ancillary improvements to the Hingham Harbor waterfront area through the introduction of a linear

landscaped corridor and the integration of a multi-use path and other ADA-compliant elements designed to:

- i) Improve access to the Downtown Hingham Business District and the Hingham Harbor waterfront area for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and
- ii) Address current accessibility limitations relating to access to the waterfront

Chronology of the Pilot project:

- April 2009: State considers alternative rotary design.
- June 2013: MassDOT conducts Road Safety Audit
- October 2014: Hull & Hingham submit request for a State CTPS Study (granted 2015)
- April 2015: Article 30, Annual Town Meeting approves \$400,000 for Engineering Services
- February 2016: CTPS completes Study of 3A to Summer Street to George Washington Boulevard
- 2016: Design team begins work for on 3A/Summer St roadway alternatives
- Spring 2017: Public discussion of plans begins; centers on traffic analysis, crash history, and proposed pilot
- Summer 2017: Possible Pilot of Road Diet delayed
- Fall 2017-March of 2018: Project refinements result from close collaboration with Cohasset and Hull public safety and civic leadership, technical discussions with engineers, and logistics planning; state approvals obtained and operational review process established
- Summer 2018: Pilot of Road Diet successfully conducted and data collected

Road Diet Limits (3A Rotary to George Washington Blvd./Summer St.)

Objective: To undertake a "Pilot Study" of the impacts of a Road Diet "lane reduction from four (4) to two (2) lanes" by installing temporary traffic control delineators that reduce the amount of travel lanes.



Considerations:

It is important to note that the State of Massachusetts' ownership of the right of way (state-owned layout) limits significant geometric changes, informs design specifications, and requires maximizing the use of space available. All designs are subject to MassDOT approval before advancement.

Results:

In coordination with a number of local and state committees and agencies, the Town of Hingham's Engineering Department conducted the "Pilot" road diet (lane reduction) during the summer of 2018. The Pilot successfully tested in realtime the accuracy of the four traffic engineering models and studies that had been completed to date and provided a sense of public perception and acceptance. Additional data collected during the Pilot measured impacts and informed future dialogue and design.

Informed by the collection of data and observation of impacts during the Pilot and approximately 20 public meetings in Hingham and in Hull, the 25% design plan has been developed and submitted to the State (MassDOT & EOT) for review, consideration, and comment. After receiving the State's comment, the design team will seek to address concerns and submit a 75% and then a 100% design, employing the same open process, while petitioning the state for construction funding. We know that this process can take years.

Our combined focus and efforts place the Town in a good position to seek State construction funds for Route 3A corridor improvements based on the design we have put forth.

We are excited by the prospect of a safer and more welcoming roadway for Hingham and for our region, and look forward to continued collaboration with our project team, neighboring communities, and state officials.

Deidre Anderson
Bryce Blair
Paul Healey, Selectman
Alan Perrault
Judy Sneath, Chair
Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer

School Building Committee

Two years have passed since Town Meeting 2017, which authorized two action steps in connection with the numerous and ongoing facility deficiencies impacting William L. Foster Elementary School. The 2017 School Building Committee (SBC) remains poised and eager to move forward with efforts to identify and achieve a permanent solution to these issues and to improve the educational experience for Foster's students and staff.

After receiving the disappointing news in December 2017 that Hingham was not selected by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the 2018 cycle of its core building grant program, the SBC continued to support the School Committee and School Administration as they prepared to submit a refreshed and updated Statement of Interest (SOI). The updated SOI was submitted to the MSBA in the spring of 2018 and reflected Foster's facility deficiencies.

Following its performance in 2017 of preliminary site investigative work that confirmed the Foster site's suitability for future development, the SBC worked closely with school officials during 2018 to select a consultant to perform a new enrollment study and to assist in the review and revision of the study's results. The new enrollment study was published in summer, 2018. With the preliminary site work and enrollment study completed, Hingham was well positioned and remained optimistic for a favorable result when the MSBA Board met in December 2018 to announce its new grant recipients. Unfortunately, though Hingham's application was given serious consideration and deemed worthy of approval, the needs of competing school districts once again prevailed over Hingham for a second consecutive year.

Following the MSBA's decision last December, the School Committee announced its intention to submit a refreshed SOI in April 2019 with the support of the Selectmen. A decision is expected from the MSBA in December 2019. As well, at least one warrant article submitted by the School Committee will be considered during the 2019 Town Meeting seeking to address the growing concerns of the Foster community surrounding the short and long term viability of the school. These concerns became more urgent in December 2018 when a mechanical failure involving the heating system led to a one-day relocation of students and staff to the high school while emergency repairs were completed.

Built in 1951 with multiple renovations and additions in the decades that followed, Foster benefitted from a 2008 Town Meeting-authorized capital investment of approximately \$3.5 million in its physical plant as part of a School Facilities Master Plan executed by the 2006 School Building Committee. This investment was made in an effort to enhance learning environment parity among Hingham's elementary schools and breathe an additional 10-15 years of life into a tired and poorly designed, albeit a clean, safe, and well-maintained structure, that continues to serve as a welcoming haven for nearly 500 students residing in north Hingham. Although the 2006 Master Plan recommended that either a comprehensive renovation or replacement of Foster should be pursued, the East Elementary and Middle School projects were prioritized and completed first. The most recent renovations to Foster have improved the educational experience but many facility issues were too costly to address adequately, many classroom layouts remain problematic, and more recent and serious concerns arose relative to some of the building's aging mechanical systems. As a result, the School Committee sought Town-wide support for a long-term solution to these growing challenges.



The SBC looks forward to continuing the collaborative effort that resulted in prior successful school building projects and intends to follow the example set by its predecessor committees to provide vigilant oversight, cost control, and attention to detail in the execution of its mandate on behalf of Hingham taxpayers.

Linda Hill, Chair
Raymond Estes, Vice-Chair
Christopher Mercer, Secretary
Kevin Lynch

Jennifer Murphy
Timothy O'Neill
Edward Schreier, DDS

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2018 were \$4,923,697 compared to \$5,128,185 at the end of 2017. These figures include an investment loss of -\$204,488, donations of \$264,695 and disbursements for scholarships and administrative fees of \$234,090.

2018 was a challenging year for all major asset classes. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate, a broad domestic investment grade bond index returned +0.01%. The S&P 500, an index of the 500 largest US public companies by market capitalization, returned -4.38%. The Russell 2500 Index, an equity index that tracks an array of small and midcap sized US companies, returned -10.00%. The MSCI EAFE Index, which measures large company equity performance domiciled in developed markets within Europe, Australasia and the Far East returned -13.36%.

The asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds & money market equivalents, has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for several years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests, the committee continues to feel this mix to be most prudent. For 2018, the Scholarship Fund returned -3.99%, net of investment returns, income, donations and withdrawals, and its benchmark, which utilizes the above mentioned indices, had a return of -4.75%.

The committee voted to provide \$234,000 in scholarship awards in 2018. This amount is consistent with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement, which is to distribute 5% of the average assets over the prior 3 years, and compares to \$220,000 in 2016 and \$223,000 in 2017. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years over \$3 million has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional acumen of members of the Treasurer's Office for trade implementation and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

Appointees

John Fitzsimons, Frank Gaul, Matt McGonagle, Jean Montgomery, Roger Nastou, Adam White

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS
IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER

Scholarship	12/31/17	12/31/18
Rizzotto Memorial	28,362	26,588
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon	34,938	31,700
Orvis K. & May B. Collins	72,319	65,443
Amasa J. Whiting	35,211	31,854
Second World War Memorial	88,395	79,863
Margaret McElroy	18,329	16,661
Stuart Macmillan	84,162	75,839
Anne Mulholland	8,263	7,564
John Lewis Russell	21,944	19,869
Caroline Murdock	16,509	14,931
Charles (Chuck) Martell	43,462	37,750
Francis James Thompson.....	2,884,322	2,626,887
Patricia Lynne Schneider.....	6,209	5,618
Harold L. Downing	26,425	23,870
Hingham Theater for Children.....	7,712	6,933
Curtis Chase	17,147	16,217
Wallis Lee Chipman	9,859	8,943
Russell H. Arkell	13,672	12,552
Hingham Basketball Boosters.....	18,180	16,503
Charles Berry	7,584	6,875
Edward O. Hornstra	23,009	20,932
William J. Laubenstein Jr	6,834	6,229
Mary Sheldon.....	9,466	8,656
Robin Karen Kurciviez.....	7,337	6,719
Mary J. Fee.....	6,543	5,946
Jacobs.....	41,623	37,877
John Higgins.....	6,167	5,584
Burditt W. Collins Memorial.....	9,613	8,834
Savini Music.....	8,363	7,590
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce.....	283,123	254,786
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	25,112	22,891
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial	7,908	7,202
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant.....	159,475	145,458
Hingham Taxpayers	75,152	70,147
Hingham Band Parents	8,058	7,281
Susan/George Burton	28,113	25,566
Leroy L. Eldredge	23,948	23,373
John Barba	28,411	25,955
M. Tilghman Earle.....	29,827	29,072
Lewis J. Ernst	17,153	15,490
Joan E. Pyne Memorial	10,251	9,359
John Peter Nionakis.....	16,606	15,126

Kids Cabaret	4,416	4,025
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy	18,787	17,292
Field Hockey Team.....	12,633	11,233
Charles L. Vickery	44,598	40,084
Jamin Guarino	47,197	42,561
Clifford Family Memorial	14,560	13,296
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace	14,808	115,205
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.	3,961	3,635
Hingham Scholarship Memorial	9,491	8,473
Crofoot Trust	26,648	24,589
Sam Butterfield.....	12,679	11,606
Gloria O. Lofgren	17,056	15,481
Robin Helene Ruben	22,183	21,149
Robert L. Goodrich	42,405	38,560
Helen S. Wollan	8,595	7,878
Former Students of HHS.....	16,942	15,462
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	26,199	24,038
Hingham Women's Club	20,339	18,460
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial	14,133	12,767
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial	29,889	29,296
Samantha Hooper Memorial.....	8,219	7,502
Cynthia Steven Scholarship.....	6,742	6,160
Marie Meallo Scholarship	14,185	12,912
Keith Ryan Memorial	4,497	4,098
Sean Ryan Memorial	83,628	76,964
Colarullo Family Scholarship.....	11,300	10,321
Neal Tompkins Memorial	93,019	84,402
Christopher J. Orlando Memorial	55,779	61,531
Elizabeth Nally Memorial.....	6,483	6,805
Class of 1976 Fritz Hansel Memorial	4,444	4,034
Herbert T. McMeekin, Jr.	154,179	141,347
Andrew V. & Edith B. Mason.	0	135,526
Haskell N. & Elinor F. Maude.....	0	2,394
General Fund	3,094	2,077
Total Rounded	5,128,185	4,923,697

Shade Tree Committee

The primary purposes of the Shade Tree Committee are to foster and promote the preservation and planting of shade trees and to support the DPW in the appropriate shade tree species, site selections, and the care of shade trees.

Seventy-three shade trees were planted in 2018. Most of these trees were replacements for trees lost due to winter storms, drought, and other stress-related factors such as salt and leaking street gas. We continue to look at the factors that affect tree health and carefully select appropriate species for specific planting locations according to their tolerance of these and other adverse factors. In some instances, replanting has been deferred owing to unrepaired gas line leaks.

The Earth Day 2018 ceremony was held on Friday April 20 at the Hingham Common. In attendance were Selectman Karen Johnson, who read the Earth Day Proclamation, along with members of the Hingham DPW, the Shade Tree Committee, and Joan Meschino, State Representative 3rd Plymouth District. A Red Oak, *Quercus rubra* was dedicated.

Arbor Day 2018 was held on Friday April 27 and every child in Plymouth River School, as well as teachers and staff, led by Principal Melissa Smith, came together with elected officials, the Shade Tree Committee, Garden Club representatives, and the Hingham DPW and Tree and Parks Department to celebrate Arbor Day. A Japanese Lilac, *Syringa reticulata*, was planted and dedicated as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

Kids of all ages attended Touch-A-Truck at the Hingham Public Library in April. Trucks to touch included a Bucket truck, a Crane, a Chipper, a Stump Grinder, and a Loader. The trucks were graciously provided thanks to Jeff Handrahan, Tree and Park Supervisor, Hingham DPW.

For the thirtieth year Hingham has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City. This honors Hingham's commitment to effective management, growth and development of public trees in 2018. In addition, Hingham received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvements at a higher level of tree care.

James Huse
Barbara Kardok
Dorothy Manganaro

Phillip Shute
Michael Studley

Veterans' Services

The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115. The Department also assists veterans applying for various State and Federal support programs as well as arranging and managing the Town's military-related ceremonies throughout the year.

The Memorial Day observance was held at Sanborn Auditorium located in Hingham Town Hall due to inclement weather. The ceremony opened with the National Anthem, sung by Hingham High School student Nick Capodilupo, as members of the Hingham Police paraded the colors. The principal speaker was Master Chief Petty Officer Thomas Plunkett O'Connor, Jr., USN. The Master Chief is a Global War on Terrorism veteran, having deployed to Iraq, Central America, and the Horn of Africa. Following the officials' remarks, Town Clerk Eileen McCracken read the names of those (75) Hingham veterans who had passed since Memorial Day 2017, followed by HHS senior Michael Hill sounding Taps. The ceremony concluded with Veterans' Appreciation Club President, JT Jermyn, a HHS senior, reading the official proclamation by the Governor of the Commonwealth, Honorable Governor Charles D. Baker.



The Eugene F. Creedon Memorial Park in Hingham Shipyard

The Department of Veteran's Services, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, proudly and officially dedicated a parcel of land on the grounds of the Hingham Shipyard on Wednesday, June 6th, recognizing a WWII sailor who so tirelessly advocated for a permanent memorial on this site. Eugene F. Creedon was instrumental in petitioning the Great and General Court in order to properly recognize both the men who sailed aboard the (95) LSTs

built in the Hingham Yard as well as the 24,000 men and women who so expeditiously crafted them for war. The Eugene F. Creedon Memorial Park is also home to the United States Navy Amphibious Veterans of Massachusetts Memorial and time capsule, which will be excavated on June 6, 2044, the 100th anniversary of D-Day.

On Friday, July 27th 2018, over a dozen Hingham Korean War veterans were honored with the Ambassador for Peace Medal for their service in the "Forgotten War," by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. The Korean War ended in 1953, where an armistice was signed after an estimated five million soldiers and civilians had died.



Captain Keyes, Selectmen, SCPO Jermyn & Korean War Medal Recipients

In October, as has been the custom for many years, the Town remembered the 147th birthday of Seaman Herbert L. Foss with a wreath-laying ceremony at his Fort Hill Cemetery gravesite, with former Veterans' Council Chairman James Claypoole acting as the moderator. Several decedents, elected officials, and members of the Freemason's Old Colony Lodge paid their respects to Hingham's Medal of Honor recipient.

The Veterans' Day observance at Town Hall began with the CPL Lawrence St. Laurent, USMC breakfast sponsored by the Hingham Veterans' Council and attended by over 75 veterans and their families. Just before 11:00 a.m., veterans and citizens gathered outside Town Hall at the Memorial with a bugle salute and pledge of allegiance followed by a moving tribute to the 100th anniversary of The Great War. All in attendance stood in silence as the Bells of Peace throughout the community, state, and nation rang 21 times. This nationwide initiative from the World War One Centennial Commission served as a solemn reminder of the sacrifice of

veterans of The Great War. Participants then proceeded into Sanborn Auditorium, where the principal speaker, Colonel Richard S. Smudin, U.S. Army, a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, delivered his address. During the awards portion of the ceremony, U.S. Army veteran, James Claypoole, was named Veteran of the Year for his years of service to the Town's veterans. Jim founded and chaired the Veterans Council for many years and also led an impressive effort to erect the Hingham Veterans' Monument, honoring all those who served around the globe.

The Town of Hingham was once again selected to host a town hall-style forum for veterans of the South Shore. Numerous veterans' issues were brought to the attention of our local legislators in the Great and General Court and to the Department of Veterans' Services Secretary, Francisco Urena, during this televised event. Healthcare, benefits, and veterans' rights topped the list.

The Town's Veterans In Need Fund—funded through ad hoc donations as well as contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property-tax payments—finished calendar 2018 with slightly more than \$30,000 on hand. Over the Fund's eight-year history, upwards of \$29,000 has been expended to provide emergency shelter, heating, medical, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans and their dependents as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and approved by the Veterans' Council.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, the Veterans' Council and all the Town's citizens and youth groups, who have provided such strong support to our veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
SCPO Keith A. Jermyn, USN
Director of Veterans' Services

Water Supply Committee

The Hingham Water Supply Committee was established by Town Meeting in 1946. Committee members are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its original charter was to investigate the feasibility of acquiring the private water company then known as the Hingham Water Company, and to report to the Town on the costs and benefits of undertaking such action. In 2004 Town Meeting revised the Committee's role to include advising the Town on water-supply matters more generally. The Committee also continues to serve as liaison between the Town and Aquarion Water Co, the company that serves as the current water-supply operator.

The Committee has played no role in the Town's several-years-long effort to investigate acquiring and operating the water supply system currently operated by Aquarion.

The Water Supply Committee conducted several public meetings over the past year. Each meeting featured a presentation from Aquarion and discussions of various water-company-related issues: Aquarion's capital investments and capital improvement plans, the system's water-distribution challenges, leak-detection efforts, investigation of supplemental sources of water supply, water rates and tariffs, Aquarion's public outreach and customer communication programs, the water balance program operated by the company for new real estate developments, and others.

The Committee spent a good deal of time on the subject of water rates. In October, the Department of Public Utilities completed its work on the rate case that Aquarion had filed originally in April of 2017. (The rate case was delayed pending, inter alia, completion of Aquarion's 2017 acquisition by Eversource Energy, the large electricity and natural gas utility created by the merger of NSTAR and Northeast Utilities. Eversource, the largest energy supplier in New England, serves approximately four million electricity and gas customers in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire.) In October of 2018 the DPU, taking into account a number of capital investments and cost increases since Aquarion's last rate case, granted an increase in rates calculated to supplement Aquarion's revenues by almost \$2 million. For the average Hingham customer, the decision will increase water bills by roughly \$94 annually, to \$853/year.

The DPU also approved Aquarion's proposal to establish a Main Replacement Adjustment Mechanism (frequently referred to by its acronym, 'MRAM'). This program would allow Aquarion to impose a rate surcharge, capped at 2% of the prior year's rate, designed to permit faster

recovery of a portion of the costs of water main replacement – i.e., faster than having to wait for its next overall DPU rate-case filing. (Note, in this connection, that the MRAM surcharge remains subject to filing with and approval from the DPU, and will raise rates overall by less than the annual amount, \$2.6M, that Aquarion projects spending every year going forward on water main replacement.)

As in past years, the subject of water conservation was discussed frequently. Outdoor watering restrictions, limiting the use of irrigation systems to twice weekly, went into effect April 15th and remained in effect until October 15th. Such watering restrictions have become a more-or-less standard tool to moderate water-use spikes during Summer months. During 2018 the weather helped greatly to reduce demand for water, as cumulative precipitation for the year amounted to almost 70 inches, more than 20 inches greater than the historical annual average (and almost 30 inches more than total precipitation during drought-afflicted 2016). For the year, the system's average daily water withdrawal amounted to approximately 3.25 million gallons per day – roughly equivalent to the system's average use for the last eight years, and roughly 7.5% less than the system's registered limit of 3.51 MGD under the Water Management Act administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Closely related to conservation concerns are questions related to planning for the Town's long-term water needs. On the basis of forecasts for Town growth, Aquarion believes the 3.51 MGD registered limit mentioned above will provide an adequate supply of water through 2031. In the meantime, the DEP has instructed Aquarion to identify potential new sources of supply. Aquarion's current thinking is focused on the possibilities for making use of 'excess' stream flow in the Weir River basin during the wetter months of the year. The idea would be to 'skim' some of the flow from Accord Brook during seasons when flow is high, and store the same in existing man-made ponds near Fulling Mill. Then, during drier periods, Aquarion would make controlled releases of the stored water to Fulling Mill Brook in order to augment flow in the Weir River at times when stream flow there is low. It's hoped that normalizing Weir River stream flow in that manner would help to alleviate the recognized stressed condition of the basin. Lessening the stress on the basin, it is hoped, would in turn enhance the water company's chances of securing a state permit to withdraw additional water from the Weir River watershed.

Preliminary analysis of seasonal water flows (during both wet and dry years) suggests that there is sufficient stream flow to make the plan workable. The plan will require further study, as well as assessment of

environmental impact and some regulatory approvals. And at this point it is not known whether achieving increased Weir River stream flow in dry seasons would also make the state more inclined to permit additional withdrawals from the watershed.

Also on the conservation front, the Committee discussed with Aquarion its water balance and water bank programs. Those programs refer to the way that large new real estate developments (those expected, when fully built out, to require more than 100,000 gallons of water annually) are required either (1) to demonstrate offsetting efficiencies in water use or (2) to contribute to a water bank from which Aquarion funds the replacement of existing customers' plumbing fixtures with more efficient, water-saving fixtures. From its inception in 2011 through the end of 2018, according to Aquarion, the water bank has raised almost \$600k and achieved water savings of approximately 4.53 million gallons by paying for the installation of 815 new toilets along with many new showerheads, taps, and clothes-washing machines.

More information on the matters mentioned here, as well as copies of some of Aquarion's presentations to the Committee, can be found in the minutes of the meetings and elsewhere on the Town of Hingham website (hingham-ma.gov), under the Water Supply Committee link.

Meanwhile, as most readers of this report know well, the Town of Hingham continues to analyze the desirability of acquiring the local water company's assets, a project begun in 2012. As of the writing of this report (February 2019), it is widely expected that Town Meeting will be offered the opportunity to decide whether to proceed with the acquisition. The Water Supply Committee has played no direct role in the acquisition study or the related legal proceedings, but shares with the rest of the Town an interest in the outcome. Meanwhile, the committee remains committed to monitoring water company operations and looking after the Town's interests in its water supply.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Doran
Kelly Huffman
Ron Kirven
Sam Mullin, Chair
Kirk Shilts, Secretary
Melissa Bower Smith
Adam White

Weir River Estuary Park Committee

For the first time in its 16-year-history, the committee did not meet in a calendar year. Life happens; we need to re-group and re-energize.

WREPComm grew out of the Town of Hull's Weir River Estuary Open Space Committee. To support the 1986 MA-designated ACEC, the group recommended the creation of a Weir River Estuary Park in February 2002. Based on the idea that this estuary is defined more by ecology than town boundaries or land ownership – a Park “where the trails are water” – the Boards of Selectmen in Hull, Hingham and Cohasset agreed to appoint up to three members. This Tri-town committee first met later in 2002.



Facebook posts – like this view from Rocky Neck at World's End over to Hull's Hampton Circle – prompted the 2018 Spring Clean-up

Though we did not meet to approve or coordinate a 2018 event, the annual Spring Clean-up Day took place as in prior years. Estuary neighbor Bill Sarni helped Hull member Scott Plympton lug a small storm-blown rowboat from the marsh between Weir Street Ext. and Meadow Road. Hingham Chair Patti Coyle initiated the Facebook promotion and helped bag lots of nips, butts, paper and plastics along Kilby and Rockland Streets. WRWA member/Hingham resident Kristin Uiterwyk brought friends – with trucks! – to haul bags and bags of storm trash along Rockland Street, from West's Corner past Bonnie Brier Circle. Special thanks to the Allen, Bibby and Sarni families, who maintain Foundry Pond, Sidney's Pond, and Amonte

Meadow, respectively, on Clean-up Day and throughout the year.

While some parcels in the Weir River ACEC are protected, most of the abutting land is in private hands. Our purpose has been: 1) to support the three towns' Master and Open Space Plans as advocates for habitat and land protection, 2) promote stewardship through respectful recreation and education, and 3) encourage water quality improvement.



One member from each town must be present for a quorum; members had voted to meet up to five times each year in 2017. Meetings are held at Hingham Town Hall or the Estuary Center at 333 George Washington Boulevard. Agendas are posted per MA Open Meeting Law. WREPComm has been published in the annual Town Report since 2003. You'll find a Paddle Guide, the proposed bicycle path map, Land Protection Plan (LPP), map of the ACEC and members on Hingham's website. Our Facebook page has been a good way to connect with the Hingham Pinboards, local non-profits and others.

WREPComm Co-chairs: Dick Avery, (Cohasset), Patti Coyle (Hingham), and Judeth Van Hamm (Hull). Members: Tom Bell (Cohasset), and Scott Plympton (Hull).

Town Accountant

To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2018 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration.

State law requires the Town of Hingham to publish at the close of each year a complete set of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Town. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Town has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to both protect the Town's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Town's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. As management, we assert that this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The CAFR is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Hingham in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors, and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Hingham to review and understand.

The Town of Hingham's financial statements have been audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Hingham for the year ended June 30, 2018 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion on the Town of Hingham's financial

statements for the year ended June 30, 2018 and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of Federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of Federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Hingham's separately issued Single Audit Report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Town of Hingham's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of the Town of Hingham

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because it does not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System being presented as a fiduciary fund within the statement of fiduciary net position.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of downtown Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has several historic village districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation, and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately

27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, Wompatuck offers hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The Town is located in Plymouth County and the principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction, and registry of deeds and probate.

The three-member elected Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day to day administration.

Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition

The Town of Hingham continues to reflect a strong economic condition; per capita income is significantly higher than state averages and the unemployment rate has always been extremely low as compared to state and national averages. The Town remains a very desirable community given its close proximity to Boston and the level and quality of services provided. The residential sales market has been and continues to be very strong, reflecting the great interest in the community.

Over the past ten years the town's population has increased approximately 5% while school enrollment has increased 12%. Hingham is known throughout the state for its high quality school system; Hingham students consistently score in the top percentiles on national and state tests and an extremely high percentage of students graduating from the high school go on to pursue higher education.

Long-term Financial Planning

The Town Administrator along with the financial officers, which consist of the Town Accountant, the Treasurer/Collector, and the Director of Assessing work closely with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Capital Outlay Committee and Department Heads to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

Major Initiatives

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. In the early 2000's due to economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending was reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$2-\$2.3 million range for fiscal year 2019.

Financial Information

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Unassigned Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 16% and no more than 20% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or for tax reductions.

Internal Controls. Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that accurate accounting data is compiled to allow for the

preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee assists in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee supervises and reviews the conduct of the audit and the auditor's relationship with the Town.

Budgetary Controls. The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen; attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the real estate taxes, personal property taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 99% of all real estate taxes are collected during the year of billing with the remaining 1% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000

per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator. Also, the Town Accountant holds quarterly budget review meetings with departments to ensure they are within their approved budgeted appropriation.

The Town Administrator holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

Other Information

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2017. This was the twenty-second consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Independent Audit. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018 were audited by the public accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The financial statements have received an "unmodified opinion" from the auditors. An "unmodified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as

prescribed in the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the Uniform Guidance).

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Cordially yours,

Susan M. Nickerson
Town Accountant

Treasurer/Collector

Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2017..... 86,947,577
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2018.....175,053,577
-Total Paid on Selectmen warrants.....(162,134,612)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2018..... 99,866,542

Investment Return on Idle Cash FY 2017.....294,748
Investment Return on Idle Cash FY 2018.....693,630
Investment Return on all accounts FY 2018.....2,456,880

During Fiscal Year 2018 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2018 Real Estate Tax 80,011,049
2018 Community Preservation Surcharge 1,063,497
2018 Personal Property Tax 1,202,194
2018 Boat Excise Tax 75,812
2018 Motor Vehicle Tax 4,369,592
2017 Motor Vehicle Tax 489,990
2018 Sewer Use Charge.....2,669,918
Betterments-Paid in Advance 62,209
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest163,101
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest 2,519
Sewer Use Liens136,317
Payments in Lieu of Taxes622,522
Total 90,868,720

Tax collections remain strong with ninety-nine percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. 70,985 invoices were issued to collect real estate, personal property, excise tax and sewer use charges. Taxes accounted for seventy-four percent of general fund revenues in FY 18.

There were fourteen new tax liens secured in 2018. The practice of pursuing tax lien collection in house rather than selling or assigning liens to an outside party is still preferred. By applying consistently enforced collection measures and working directly with taxpayers the Treasurer's office collected \$150,982 in tax lien revenue which 33.4% or \$37,836 was payment of interest accruing to the benefit of the general fund.

In addition, the Town has several foreclosure cases currently pending in Land Court.

The total outstanding long term debt as of December 31, 2018 was \$60,344,700. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

In May of 2018 a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$10.8m Note. The winning bid of 1.8% on the one year note was submitted by Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Proceeds from the sale of the Notes, together with \$551,067 in available funds, were used to redeem \$10,903,243 in outstanding notes and provide original financing for sewer improvements and a portion of fire station design costs.

I wish to thank the staff in the Treasurer/Collector's office for their continued dedicated service - Lori-Ann Magner, Nancy Leahy, Marijane Deitsch, Linda Kelley and Regina Ledwick.

Jean M. Montgomery
Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS/GIFT ACCOUNTS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
As of December 31, 2018

Trust Fund	12/31/2017	12/31/2018
375th Anniversary	12,780.....	12,707
4 th of July Parade	112,266.....	120,026
Affordable Housing Trust	1, 623,655.....	1,451,095
Aid to Elderly/Disabled (Tax Bill Checkoff)	18,773.....	22,710
Buttonwood Tree	802.....	797
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	67,779.....	67,395
Education Fund (Tax Bill Checkoff)	18,753.....	19,694
Foster School SAAA.....	74,975.....	107,018
Foundry Pond	7,652.....	7,609
Greenbush Historic Preservation Projects	1,338,172.....	1,256,640
Group Insurance Trust	863,386.....	942,807
Hannah Lincoln Whiting.....	15,751.....	15,661
Hingham Federal Withholding	6,585.....	6,548
Hingham High School Fields Projects	151,541.....	150,755
Hingham High School SAAA	249,551.....	346,343
Hingham Middle School SAAA	209,345.....	230,961
Hingham War Memorial	8,427.....	8,380
Light Customer Deposit	1,715,662.....	1,733,269
Light Depreciation.....	8,542,548.....	10,571,304
Light OPEB Trust.....	1,877,209.....	1,825,689
Light Reserve Stranded Cost.....	5,952,053.....	6,627,694
Meals Tax Stabilization	1,006,864.....	569,295
More-Brewer.....	92,534.....	92,008
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan.....	36,080.....	390,868
Open Space Conservation	113,558.....	114,808
Preservation Projects.....	138,015.....	129,231
Scholarship Fund*.....	5,128,185.....	4,923,697
Stabilization	2,913,559.....	2,792,449
Town OPEB Trust.....	10,856,734.....	11,903,262
USLST War Memorial.....	2,038.....	2,027
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account	14,151.....	9,729
Veterans in Need (Tax Bill Checkoff)	27,559.....	39,777
Total	43,196,941.....	46,492,251

*See Scholarship Committee Report for individual scholarship balances

Board of Assessors

It is the responsibility of the Assessors' Office to establish current fair market value for all of the properties in the Town of Hingham. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates that every city/town fully update its property assessments each fiscal year to reflect the current fair market value. Every five years, the DOR audits the Board of Assessors records and procedures for certification. This includes an intense examination of all of Hingham's assessment policies and procedures.

In addition to the real property valuations, the Assessors' Office maintains records on taxable personal property, boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the Assessors' Office. The Assessor's Office updates all property ownerships according to the recorded deed transactions which are received from the Registry of Deeds. Hingham consists of approximately 8700 parcels, so there are many transactions that take place. They also process plans and corrections to update the Assessor's maps as well as research property ownership and assist other town departments in the performance of their duties. The office works closely with the Veterans Department and Elder Services to ensure that we are providing the residents of Hingham as many possible services and exemptions that are offered.

The ratio of the assessment to the sales price is calculated and Hingham's ratio for Fiscal Year 18 is 94%. The fiscal 2019 tax rate is \$11.81, up only 4 cents from last year. The average assessment for single family homes is \$826,744.00 up from last year's average of \$806,180.00. The average assessment for condominiums is \$642,772.00, up from last year's average of \$610,584.00

The Assessors' Office continues to participate in the Senior Work Off program which has been a great success for everyone involved. We are fortunate to have two terrific volunteers while they earn a real estate tax credit for their invaluable service to our office. They assist our office in a variety of ways and we are grateful that they participate in such a worthwhile program.

There are two new board members who joined our office this year, Carlton (Al) Chambers and Christine Roberts. Al Chambers brings a wealth of knowledge to our board. He is a long time Hingham resident and has

served on a number of committees in town. Al is a dedicated individual who brings many years of real estate experience with him. Christine (Chrissy) Roberts is also a long time Hingham resident who brings both accounting and auditor experience to the board. Chrissy is a dedicated, positive influence on our board and our first female board member in over 30 years. We are grateful to have these qualified members on our board.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Rick and his staff for a successful 2018.

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman
Al Chambers
Chrissy Roberts



Chair Stuart Hall

Hingham Contributory Retirement System

There are 104 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

The Annual Report for 2018 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2018.

Susan M. Nickerson, Chairman & ex-officio	(2/4/2011-)
Charles J. Cristello, Appointed Member	(6/23/2018-6/22/2021)
David P. Jones, Elected Member	(11/27/2017-6/30/2020)
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member	(7/30/2016-7/29/2019)
Eileen McCracken, Appointed Member	(7/1/2018-7/1/2021)

Contributory Retirement System **Trial Balance as of December 31, 2018** (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash – Citizens Bank	389,666.47
Checking – Citizens Bank	0.00
Cash Fund (PRIT)	453.34
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	118,810,610.81

Accounts Receivable	86387.44
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Sub Total	119,287,118.06
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	-7420.62
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Sub Total	-7,420.62
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FUND BALANCES

Annuity Fund	-28,762,047.12
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Annuity Reserve Fund	-7,374,526.58
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Military Service Fund	-13,935.93
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Pension Fund	-184,693.34
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Pension Reserve Fund	78,826,911.76
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Sub Total	-115,162,114.73
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REVENUES

Investment Income	-3,262,092.09
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Workers' Compensation Settlements	0.00
Realized Gain	-5,488,219.27
Realized Loss	0.00
Unrealized Gain	-4,248,621.20
Unrealized Loss	-15,147,967.08
Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
Member Deductions	-2,995,060.18
Transfers from other Systems	-391,025.87
Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits	-13,629.76
Pension Fund Appropriation	-5,067,843.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-19,318.52
3(8)(c) Reimb. From other Systems	-209,205.36
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-39,043.16
Member Payments from Rollovers	-3,282.29
Sub Total	-36,885,307.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	37,653.88
Management Fees	628,376.68
Consultant Fees	23,000.00
Legal Expenses	4,335.00
Fiduciary Insurance	5,862.00
Service Contracts	26,300.00
Professional Services	0.00
Actuarial Services	0.00
Education and Training	29,126.75
Administrative Expenses	12,416.59
Furniture and Equipment	0.00
Travel	602.64
Annuities Paid	1,580,740.62
Pensions Paid	6,152,196.42
COLA's Paid	1,060,274.28
3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	226,645.94
Transfers to other Systems	588,820.16
Refunds to Members	534,256.78
Option B Refunds	0.00
Sub Total	10,910,607.74

NEW MEMBERS 2018

Emily	Abraham	Letitia	Riel
Samantha	Anderson	Tucker	Ryan
Andrea	Atkins	Jennie	Donahue
Alyssa	Baldwin	James	Ferreira
Dorian	Brady	Lauren	Popovich
Nancy	Brandi	Stephanie	Hennessy
Emily	Brooks	Luke	Leavitt
Molly	Burbank	Stacy	Heinlein
Benjamin	Carr	Joseph	Del Vecchio
AnneMarie	Castro	John	McDonald
Elizabeth	Cloutier	Laurie	St. Pierre
Sara	Collins	Kristina	Knowles
David	Comoletti	Teresa	Henderson
Rita	Dermody	Tracy	Coughlin
Ryan	Dunne	Viet	Nguyen
Samantha	Dykes	Julia	Ferrante
Bridget	Eason	Lauren	Deady
Donald	Edwards	Sarah	Ellis
Meaghan	Foote	Joseph	Deitsch
Antonetta	Fopiano	James	Bailey
Allison	Ford	Shelby	Valiyev
Melissa	Gaffney	Kimberly	Neveu
Christine	Gendron	Tammy	Nyman
Pamela	Graham	Joyce	Eby
Bobbi-Jo	Hamilton	Jillian	O'Leary
Annabelle	Ho	Maureen	Dunn
Heather	Johnson	Karly	Atturio
Caroljo	Killeen	Sherilyn	Biagini
Michael	LaBelle	Meaghan	Morrissey
Heather	Lis	Shannon	Hayward
Megan	Lunch	Huong	Pham
Alexis	Macleod	Jennifer	Murphy
Andrew	Mahoney	Jane	Greene
Amanda	Mendes	Sherry	Robertson

Michelle	Monsegur	Thomas	Morahan
Robert	Murphy	Marlee	Stanley
Frank	Patarino	Kevin	Nguyen
Carols	Perez	Jared	Grimm
Amanda	Ross	Kevin	Whalen
Catherine	Shaw	Kirstyn	Tanous
Cindy	Shea	Kristen	McKenna
Colleen	Shinney	Marc	Ciafardoni
Erik	Silva	Matthew	Campbell
Georgina	Stacey	Karen	Kazolias
Caitlin	Trosko	Tara	Barry
Richard	Tworig	Joseph	Lindsay
Antoine	Vilno	Lance	Mortland
Dermot	Walsh	Joshua	Rice
Beth	Weiner	Kristina	Ziniti
Colleen	Whalen		

RETIRED MEMBERS 2018

Elizabeth	Benger	William	McIntyre
John	Bibby	William	Nickerson
Nicholas	Biello	John	Norkaitis
Susan	Burkard	Robert	Olsson
Patricia	Carson	Christopher	Scholtes
Kurt	Gondveer	Maureen	Shirkus
Diane	Grassia	Robert	Stella
John	Haley	Joan	Sullivan
Karin	Hermin	Donna	Wallace
Nancy	Hutt		
William	Kannaly		
Cheryl	Lyons		

DECEASED MEMBERS 2018

Candida	Barbuto	Joyce	Olsen
Loretta	Bartlett	Elizabeth	Orcutt
Helen	Campbell	William	Phillips
Crystal	Capman	Douglas	Rhines
Kevin	Carnrick	John	Stoddard
Irene	Ferguson	Thomas	Studley
Janice	Howard	Elanor	Urbati
Karl	Johnson	Dorothy	Wagstaff
Richard	Kehoe	Florence	Ward
John	Ketchum	Beverly	Wood
Lindsay	McGrath		
Richard	Morgan Jr.		

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2018

Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	697
Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year	202
Enrolled during current year	100
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
SUBTOTAL	100
Deduct	
Death	1
Withdrawal	66
Retirements	23
SUBTOTAL	90
Active Membership Dec. 31, current year	721
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year	188
Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	318
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	21
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	1
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	3
Survivor benefits from active membership	1
SUBTOTAL	26

Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	13
Termination of Survivors Benefits	4
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	17
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	
Superannuation	276
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	11
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	5
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	19
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	13
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year	327
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1,236